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Chmielewski To Retire As Chief; Search To Begin For Replacement

Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski will retire from the post he has held for the past 16 years on April 4th. *The Advertiser-News* learned Tuesday morning. Chmielewski will celebrate his 60th birthday on April 4th.

Chmielewski, who began with the town's Police Department in 1958, will end 36 years of public service to Agawam when he steps down.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson told *The Advertiser-News* Wednesday morning he will commence a regional and state-wide search to replace Chmielewski. Johnson holds all the cards in the naming of the chief as the position is a direct administrative appointment of the Mayor.

Find Most Qualified Person

Johnson said his only interest is in finding the best candidate for the job, whether it be from outside of the community or by promoting from within the Police Department. "As I always do, I want to find the most qualified person to fill the position," Johnson told us. "If all else is equal, then I would hire from within the department. But my first and foremost concern is bringing in the most qualified person."

Johnson acknowledged that hiring a new chief from within the department would create a "domino effect." Currently, there are two captains in the department - Richard Light, Sr., and Robert Campbell. If either were promoted to chief, then a captain's vacancy would open. It would then be expected that at least several of the current group of seven sergeants would apply to fill the captain's post and take a competitive Civil Service examination to qualify.

If a sergeant was promoted to captain, then a vacancy in the sergeant's ranks would open and this in turn would create a competitive Civil Service exam to fill this slot (from the ranks of the patrolmen). And finally, when the sergeant's job is filled from the patrolmen's ranks a patrolman's position would open.

Hiring through Civil Service, as most know, is usually a long and dragged out process as the testing is under the auspices of a state agency. Because the chief's position is not under Civil Service, the Mayor can make an appointment immediately. In a published report on Wednesday, Johnson said it may take between 4-6 weeks after Chmielewski officially retires before a new chief is on board.

Of course, if a police chief is hired from outside the community, the business of moving up the ladder from within the department becomes a moot point.

Johnson again reiterated that as the appointing authority, finding the best individual for the community to run the department is more important to him than a "domino effect" of promotions.

Chmielewski was born and raised in Agawam and graduated from Agawam High School. He was appointed the town's safety officer in 1967 and was promoted to sergeant in 1971.

He was appointed as chief of police by former Town Manager Peter Caputo and took the oath of office on September 8th, 1978.

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POLICE CHIEF STANLEY J. CHMIELEWSKI

Council Bickers About Planned Meeting Move To Junior High Aud.

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At its February 7th meeting, the Town Council focused most of its time and attention on what one councilor termed a "non-issue."

Councilors spent the majority of their time bickering with Mayor Christopher C. Johnson over the proposed move of Town Council and School Committee meetings from the Middle School to the Junior High School.

After the meeting, councilor Gary Suffriti told us, "Non-issues always seem to take precedence with the council. The big issues are always easier to resolve."

As expected, the council unanimously approved the ordinance establishing the Municipal Golf Commission to oversee the management of the Agawam Country Club. Councilors unanimously confirmed the Mayor's five commission candidates.

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Bill Miller Gets Rousing Farewell At Phelps School

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

After 20 years as the principal of Phelps School, William Miller spent his last afternoon at the school being entertained by his students as they offered a heartfelt tribute to his years of dedicated service to the children and staff of the school.

Organized by Music teacher Margaret Bielin and fourth grade teachers Celia Ucella, Robert Shea, and Charlene Hermans, the farewell assembly presented a glimpse into Miller's years in education in a "Tonight Show" format hosted by student Jeff Zucco as Johnny Carson and student Chris Rollin as Ed McMahon.

Miller and his wife, Carol, received a standing ovation by the entire school family as they entered the auditorium to take their seats as the guests of honor.

Career In Education Highlighted

"Johnny Carson" introduced a series of speakers highlighting the phases of Miller's career in education. This recalled his days at Westfield State College as a math whiz and an outstanding baseball and basketball player.

SEE BILL MILLER - Education Section...



RETIRED PHELPS SCHOOL Principal William Miller was the guest of honor at a school celebration. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Breakfast Served At Agawam Legion

The Agawam American Legion Post on Springfield Street will be serving breakfast on Sunday morning, February 13th, from 8:00 a.m. until noontime.

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from the State Senate

by State Senator Linda J. Melconian



The Great Tip O'Neill

The recent passing of former U.S. House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill literally marked the end of an era. The O'Neill family, and all of their many friends, lost a great man of unshakable character, honesty, and good, old-fashioned warmth.

He enjoyed the greatest successes in life, not because he served in the most powerful position in the U.S. Congress, but because he embodied the belief that politics is not only local, but personal as well.

He had a unique gift — a genuine love for all people, great and small. Everyone who came across his life — from Frank Minelli, his barber in North Cambridge, to U.S. Presidents like Jimmy Carter and Jerry Ford — recognized that compassionate caring for the little guy. He pushed tirelessly for the most basic principles, namely "good jobs at good wages" for working men and women; and he never forgot that the priority of government is people, their families and their future.

As many of you know, I had the distinct honor and privilege to work for Speaker O'Neill throughout the 1970's, when he was Majority Whip, then Majority Leader, and finally, Speaker of the U.S. House.

His style was legendary. He was an honest,

dynamic, and persuasive politician, often partisanly Democratic, and took his position, but not himself, seriously. He never interpreted a vote against his position as a personal affront, and he never held a grudge.

I recall one incident in the early 1970's, during the height of the Vietnam War. In the same way that it tore apart the country, "Mr. Johnson's War" tore apart the Congress, and "Tip" O'Neill, on what he later described as one of the toughest moments he had ever experienced, lost a key vote that dealt with the war's de-escalation and withdrawal of American troops.

On the House Floor that day, one particular legislator led the fight against O'Neill's position. I watched in dismay as he ripped apart "Tip" O'Neill's arguments, and I grew more and more outraged. After the debate was over, I went to "Tip" O'Neill and relayed my discouragement, to which he replied, "Linda, he did a good job fighting for what he thought was right, even if I didn't agree. Now, wipe that pout off your face, and let's go congratulate him on a battle well-fought."

He always reminded me that today's enemy could well be tomorrow's friend and closest ally, and surely enough, that very legislator was the swing vote on another paramount issue several years later, only this time in agreement with "Tip" O'Neill.

At the funeral, again that same legislator, now one of the most powerful leaders in the House, was there brushing back tears during the eulogy. I looked at him, remembering the history, and realized yet another poignant example of "Tip's" unique style of political and personal leadership.

I remember also during President Carter's Administration, I was waiting in the antechamber before a Joint Session of Congress and the President's State of the Union Address. President Carter turned to me and said, "You know, Linda, you are working for a very great man," a sentiment which he reiterated in 1978 at a rally in Lynn, Massachusetts where he thanked the people of Massachusetts for ensuring that he had as leader of the House of Representatives the greatest Speaker of all time. I saw President Carter at the funeral, now older, but clearly recalling the jovial spirit of "Tip" O'Neill, the man he once called "great."

Speaker O'Neill often remarked that his true joy in life was the time he got to spend with his wife, Millie, and his children, Rosemary, Tom, Christopher, Susan, and Michael. He adored Millie, whom he always referred to as "the Speaker of our House," and who was his best friend and confidante throughout their 52 years together.

He never failed to acknowledge that it was she, who made his busy lifestyle possible; she, who shared his hopes and dreams; and she, who devoted her life to raising their five children, and throughout every tribulation, was behind him 100 percent.

No matter what his accomplishments, no matter what his prestige, he was always "Tip" O'Neill from North Cambridge. He made his neighbor, Mrs. O'Brien, a household name who in 1936 voted for him despite his failing to ask her for her support. To this day, when my name is on the ballot, I ask my husband, Andrew, if he would please vote for me. His answer is always, "Yes, Mrs. O'Brien."

Speaker O'Neill was perhaps the most proud and loyal graduate of Boston College, and whenever a member of the Class of 1936 came to Capitol Hill, there he was leading an impromptu rendition of "For Boston." Speaker O'Neill would always greet my husband, Andrew, with "So, how'd BC do today?" and Andrew would always be ready with a full-game analysis, knowing for certain that the Speaker would ask.

"Tip" O'Neill never had a political "agenda" as we have come to know it. His political acumen was to build consensus through persuasion and compromise. His competence was overshadowed only by his boundless compassion. He always found the "common ground" with people, from a monarch to a machinist, and knew how to make the ugliest person feel beautiful.

He was my mentor ... both professionally and personally. He never ceased to offer me his praise and encouragement, and receiving it meant more to me than he probably ever knew.

Speaker O'Neill was truly a one-of-a-kind: a man of great conviction, character, and compassion. That is how I will most remember "Tip" O'Neill, and what I heard repeated countless times at his funeral by the thousands who admired him.

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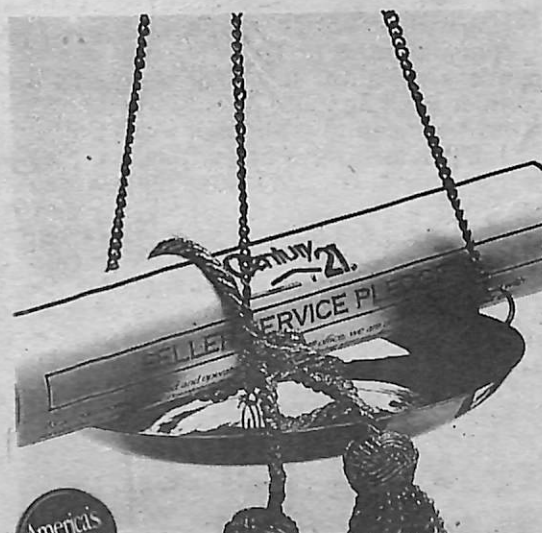
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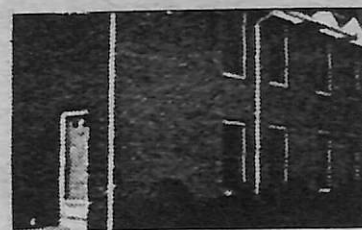
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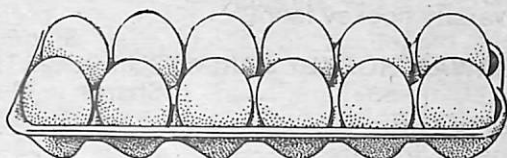
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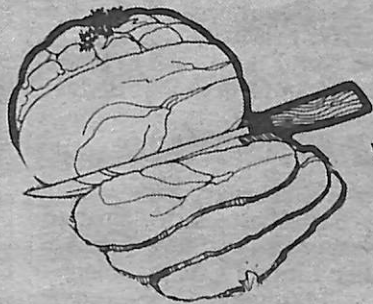
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RETIRING AGAWAM POLICE CHIEF STANLEY J. CHMIELEWSKI (left) in his former office in the basement of Town Hall in the early 1980's. Here, Chmielewski and Sergeant Al Longhi are promoting one of the charities the two were involved in. Advertiser News file photo by Jack Devine.

Chmielewski To Retire As Chief - from Page 1...

Difficult Few Weeks

The past few weeks have been especially difficult ones for Chmielewski, almost entirely due to the fact he was involved in two courts cases.

After testifying at the trial of alleged Mafia bosses last month, rumors persisted about his ties to the Mafia, rumors he categorically has denied.

Also, Patrolman Steven Draghetti successfully sued him and the town in 1991. The state Supreme Judicial Court ruled last month that Chmielewski libeled Draghetti in a letter questioning an arrangement where the patrolman was teaching at the Criminal Justice Training Academy. Draghetti received about \$100,000 in damages.

While Chmielewski had his detractors both within the department and in the community, those who supported him said his loyalty and commitment to Agawam was unquestionable. "I love this community," is a comment often heard from Chmielewski over the years.

He acknowledged in a published report on Wednesday that he was bitter about politics within the Police Department, but he vehemently denied that recent events forced him out of office.

Johnson said he holds the same philosophy as Chmielewski about keeping a small town atmosphere in the Agawam Police Department. "The chief was a product of this community and he always stressed that we were not a big city and that the Agawam Police would not become a big-

city style department. He didn't want the police ever to be intimidating to the people of this town and I think he did a good job during his tenure," said Johnson.

Johnson said the chief has been thinking about retiring for the past 18 months to spend more time with his wife of three years, Linda, and his growing grandchildren.

Chmielewski played an important role in moving the Agawam Police from a small and ancient basement in Town Hall to its present modern headquarters on Springfield Street in 1987. Johnson said that because of Chmielewski's constant lobbying, the Police Department expanded over the past 15 years rather than recede.

"He always managed to communicate the needs of the Police Department to whoever was running the community," noted Johnson.

Chmielewski was also well-known for his support and participation in youth and civic activities in the community. He was a long-time member of the Agawam Athletic Association and most recently served as honorary chairman of the Western Mass. Juvenile Diabetes Association's Annual Walk-A-Thon here in town.

He was a former president of the Western Mass. Police Chiefs Association, a position he held for three terms. He was instrumental in the dedication of a monument to area law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

BIRTHDAY CARD ADS are \$25 with picture; \$15 for smaller ad without picture. The deadline is Tuesday at noontime.



Letters To The Editor

AHS Hockey Parents Thank Businesses For Support

To The Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the individuals and businesses who participated in the Agawam Varsity Hockey "Can Drive" on January 21st-23rd.

Special thanks go out to Big Y, Super Stop & Shop, Town & Country Liquors, Pajers Market, and FoodMart.

The "Can Drive" is one of our main sources of revenue for the Hockey Booster Club. Each year these funds are applied to educational outings for the hockey team.

Your cooperation with our fundraising effort has helped make this one of our most successful years. We couldn't have done it without all of your support and we look forward to working with everyone again in the future.

Thanks again to the people and the businesses in the Town of Agawam for your support of our great varsity hockey team!

Sincerely,

AGAWAM HOCKEY PARENTS ASSOCIATION
Sharon L. McKie

Treasurer

Editor's Note:

Oops—We goofed!

Our apologies to Agawam Junior High social studies teacher Paul Quinn, who was misidentified in our recent story on the Non-Users' Club Jump Rope for Heart project.

We take this opportunity to set the record straight. It was Paul Quinn, not William Quinn, who provided the candy bars to bolster the students' energy levels during the jump-a-thon.

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Thursday, February 17th
Ag. Senior Games Athletes (ASGA)
At the Agawam Senior Center
10:00 a.m.
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Monday, February 21st
Agawam/W. Spfld. La Leche League
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TOWN COUNCIL - from Page 1...

Johnson introduced the five nominees, stating their qualifications for appointment to the commission. Johnson said all five shared a commitment to preserving "that property as open space, hopefully, forever as a golf course. But, the most important reason why all five of these people are standing here is they are committed to keeping that property as open space."

Dean Godek was appointed to a term expiring December 31st, 1996. Victor Carra and Julie Scilliano will serve until December 31st, 1995, and Dan Yorke and Gary Shannon will serve through December 31st, 1994.

Councilor Walter Balboni said he was disappointed that Golf Commission members held an organizational meeting before being confirmed by the council. Balboni said he hoped the new commissioners would adhere to proper procedures in the future.

The concerns over the proposed move of Council and School Committee members to the Junior High School centered on the cost of the move, the accessibility of the Junior High's auditorium to handicapped residents, the lack of cooperation between the School Department and the town, and the lack of council input in the decision-making process.

Claiming the School Department had a long history of a lack of cooperation with the town, Councilor Edward Caba said, "It's high time they realize they have to cooperate with us."

Councilor Robert Danie said his inquiry to Town Solicitor Thomas S. Locke revealed that the place of the council's meeting was determined by ordinance, although the ordinance has never been enacted.

Johnson took the floor to defend his administrative decision to move the meetings. Johnson explained that the space needs of the Middle School have eliminated the storage space needed for the broadcast equipment necessary

LEGAL NOTICE**TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1994 at 6:30 P.M.** o'clock for all parties interested in the appeal of

for the meetings to be aired on the cable access channel.

Johnson said the needs of the school take precedent over the use of the buildings by the town. Johnson also stated that the School Committee, rather than the Town Council, has final authority over the use of the school buildings. Johnson said the Junior High Auditorium was actually easier for handicapped people to enter than the one at the Middle School.

Johnson again stated his position that the cost of the man-hours needed to break the TV equipment down and remove it from the Middle School building exceeded the estimated cost of \$3,000 to upgrade the lighting system at the Junior High and cable the auditorium for broadcast of the meetings.

Johnson further stated that the town was incurring additional costs in repairing damage to the meeting apparatus caused by storing the equipment in an unheated truck between meetings.

A straw poll suggested by Councilor Walter Balboni to gauge the council's stance on the move found most of the councilors unwilling to support the move to the Junior High. Councilors Gary Suffriti and Thomas Ennis said they didn't care where the meetings were held.

At Citizen Speak time, resident Richard Bellico and town historian Marilyn Curry asked the council to focus its attention on zoning bylaws to address the problems of the continued development of Feeding Hills Center.

Bellico said soon there would be nothing left "to remind us we once had a rural community."

According to Mrs. Curry, "Feeding Hills Center is fast becoming the fast lane of progress." Mrs. Curry said plans have already been submitted for a McDonald's Restaurant at the center.

Calling traffic a "nightmare" during school and commuting hours, Mrs. Curry stressed the need for more careful planning. "The future of the Feeding Hills section of Agawam is at stake," she said.

LEGAL NOTICE

C. WRIGHT PEARSON, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the alteration of a building at the premises identified as 1779 MAIN STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald A. Hebert
Chairman

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Ennis Greets Candidate

AGAWAM TOWN COUNCILOR Thomas Ennis, left, chairman of the Democratic Town Committee, welcomes William F. Galvin into the community. Galvin is a Democratic candidate for Secretary of State in Massachusetts.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Agawam Obituaries

Blanche G. Doyle

Blanche G. (Gagnon) Doyle, 94, of 61 Cooper St., Agawam, a retired Springfield businesswoman and church leader, died in a local nursing home.

Several years ago, she operated a secretarial and letter shop in Springfield on Bridge Street over the old Canton Restaurant. After selling it, she opened the Empire Mailing Co., located on Main Street above the Paramount Theater.

She was a charter member and past president of the Springfield Advertising Club. She later went into partnership with her husband, the late George Doyle, forming his accounting firm office on Vernon Street until their retirement in 1956.

Upon her husband's death in 1957, she became involved with Les Dames Francaise, and in St. Joseph's Church where as a communicant, she served on the parish council. She was also instrumental in the preparation of the St. Joseph's Centennial Celebration.

Born in Springfield, she lived many years in Agawam, and was a graduate of the Agawam High School. She later returned to Springfield. She leaves several nephews and nieces.

The funeral was at St. Pierre Springfield Funeral Chapels, and in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church renovation fund, 82 Howard St., Springfield, 01105.

Inez Bragg-James

Inez (Dickson) Bragg-James, 92, formerly of 50 St. Germain St., Boston, a wartime Bay State ambulance driver, died in a local nursing home.

She was a retired waitress at several Hub establishments.

She was born in Sparta, Georgia, and lived in Agawam for the past seven years. She was a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

She was an ambulance driver for the Massachusetts Women's Defense Corps during World War II, and transported victims of the disastrous fire at the Cocoanut Grove nightclub in Boston on November 28th, 1942.

The club was crowded with servicemen at the time, and the death toll reached 491.

The decedent leaves a son, Jesse D. of Torrance, California; a daughter, Martha I. Fugate of Springfield; a sister, Susan Stewart of Boston; seven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Davis Funeral Home in Boston, with burial in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Donald H. King

Donald H. "Phil" King, 57, of Granville, died in Worcester Memorial Hospital, Worcester.

He had worked as a foreman for the Noble & Cooley Drum Factory. Born in Springfield, he grew up in Feeding Hills, moving to Granville in 1962.

He was associated with Kings Beach in Southwick and was a former volunteer fireman with the Granville Fire Department. He was a member of the Antique Outboard Motor Club.

He leaves a sons, Richard G. King of Silver Spring, Maryland; and his former wife, Charlotte Rodimon King of Granville.

A graveside service will be held in the spring at a time to be announced at Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills. There are no calling hours. Healey Pease Funeral Home is in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Granville Volunteer Fire Department, Ambulance Fund, Granville, 01034.

John G. Cascella

John G. Cascella, 87, of 194 Elm Street, Agawam, a retired 41-year machinist for the former Colorado Iron and Fuel Company in Palmer, died Saturday, February 5th in a local nursing home.

He retired in 1970. Born in Belchertown, he lived in Monson most of his life, moving to Agawam in 1943. He was an army veteran of World War II, and a member of the American Legion Post 185 in Agawam.

He leaves his wife of 53 years, Josephine (Voislow) Cascella; a daughter, Corinne M. Wingard of Hartford; a brother, Thomas Cascella of Chicopee; two sisters, Helena Lombardo of Enfield and Jennie Manydeeds of Ashland, Wisconsin; and several nephews and nieces.

The funeral was at the Agawam Funeral Home, 184 Main St., with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Agawam First Baptist Church Scholarship Fund, 760 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001 or to the Intensive Education Center, 27 Park Rd., West Hartford, CT 06119.

Stanley J. Sipitkowski

Stanley J. Sipitkowski, 82, of 14 Dover St., Agawam, died in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. He was a retired 28-year foreman for the American Tobacco Corp. in Suffield, Connecticut.

He retired in 1971. He was an Army veteran of World War II, and served with the 404th Replacement Co. and the 18th Replacement Battalion in Rome-Arno, Northern Apennines.

He received a European African Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon.

He was born in Westfield, and attended local schools. He resided in Agawam for the past 40 years. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Rita C. Placido; two sons, Ronald J. of Suffield and Thomas of Agawam; a daughter, Kathleen M. O'Leary of Springfield; and a grandchild.

The funeral was at the Colonial Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts, 393 Maple St., Springfield, 01105.

Edward H. LaRiviere

Edward H. LaRiviere, 62, of 502 North West St., Feeding Hills, an employee of the Home Depot, died at home.

He previously worked as a real estate agent at the Bergeron & Mellis agency in Feeding Hills, and at other local agencies. He had also been the 10-year owner of the Edward LaRiviere Timber Column Building Co.

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Born in Springfield, he had lived in Feeding Hills since 1938 and was a 1950 graduate of Agawam High School. He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church and a former member of the Future Farmers of America and the Greater Springfield Board of Realtors.

He leaves four daughters, Donna A. Gibeau of Hopatcong, New Jersey, Suzanne M. Dougherty of West Springfield, Robin L. LaRiviere of Easthampton, and Donna M. Griffin of Southwick; a sister, Dolores J. Finsen of Southwick; six grandchildren and a friend, Elizabeth M. Griffin of Southwick.

The funeral was held at the Southwick Funeral Home and in the church with burial in Notre Dame Cemetery in South Hadley.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church, 1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills 01030.

Charlotte Langdon

Charlotte M. (Pecon) Langdon, 93, of Cooper Street, Agawam, died in a local nursing home. Born in Lee, she lived most of her life in Feeding Hills.

She was a life member of St. David's Episcopal Church, and served on its financial board, many of its guilds, and volunteered her services at many functions and bazaars.

He husband, Richard M. Langdon, died in 1967. She leaves three sons, Kenneth C. of East Longmeadow, Richard M. Jr. of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Robert P. of Pittsfield; two sisters, Beulah Bryons of Phoenix, Arizona, and Emily Charter of South Lee; a brother, Leon of Kissimmee, Florida; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandson.

The funeral was in St. David's Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, both in Feeding Hills.

Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge. Memorial contributions may be made to the church memorial fund, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 01030.

Emma Lapine

Emma (Ducharme) Lapine, 94, of Feeding Hills, died in an Enfield nursing home.

Born in Calgary, Canada, she lived in Feeding Hills most of her life. She was a former communicant of St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus Church.

Her husband, George Lapine, died in 1972.

She leaves two daughters, Dorothy M. Carpenter of Warren, and Lorraine L. DelNegro of Agawam; nine grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

A son, Norman F. Lapine, died in 1990.

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*Agawam Crime Prevention...***More Consumer Headaches****by Detective Wayne Macey
Agawam Police Department**

In previous articles, we have described various situations in which the individual consumer falls victim to the fast-talking, smooth-walking salesman. A number of suggestions were discussed detailing rules to follow in order to avoid being taken.

Since these articles, my office has received further complaints from citizens in which they describe money paid for services half-rendered or (in some cases) never delivered. In each case, the person offering the services had a hard-luck story ... which was apparently enough to secure the money he was after.

Once the money was paid, our consumers found themselves short on cash and even shorter on promises. If there is one important rule to follow in business dealings, it is the following—**do not allow your heart to rule your head.**

Securing goods and services requires common sense and caution. The bottom line is the dollar bill and, if you wear your heart out on your sleeve,

then make sure you leave your wallet at home. Please try to remember the following:

* Whenever attempting to secure goods or services, always ask for references and be sure to follow up and make contact with these people. Any reputable contractor will be able to produce satisfied customers, and he will be more than happy to give you their names.

* Beware of contractors or salespeople who offer to undercut or undersell the competition. The possibility exists that the goods or services offered are equal to the price paid. **YOU GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR!**

* Be very cautious of salespeople who go door-to-door soliciting business. Although some may be legitimate, most use high-pressure sales tactics and few have much to offer.

It is always advisable to do business in person rather than over the phone. Being able to see just who it is you are doing business with will be a

valuable tool in determining trust and understanding. **A PICTURE IS SOMETIMES WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS!**

* Lastly, and most importantly, no money should change hands until a contract is written up and understood fully by all concerned. If any points are left vague or up in the air, secure the services of your attorney to clarify language. It may cost a few dollars more, but in the long run you will have satisfaction and peace of mind. Remember, **PAYMENT IN FULL ONLY WHEN SATISFIED IN FULL.**

It is also important to remember that litigation costs are soaring and attempts to bring a contractor to court for breach of contract or services never delivered may often prove to be cost prohibitive. Deal only with reputable people whom you have checked out fully and consequently trust. Caution and common sense now will prevent frustration and embarrassment later.

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Did you pass or fail?

**TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1994 at 6:45 P.M.** o'clock for all parties interested in the appeal of **ANTHONY AND JANE FAZIO**, who are seeking a Special Use Permit in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a "Townhouse Fourplex" at the premises identified as 605 SILVER STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald A. Hebert
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Jr. Women's Club Bowls At Turnverein

Several members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club (including spouses and friends) met at the Springfield Turnverein on January 22nd for a fun-filled evening of bowling. Straws were drawn to select teammates, then the games began. Everyone had a great evening, including the newcomers to the sport. Our top bowlers for the evening were Eva Jack and Donna Shibley.

After the games, we retired to the lounge, enjoyed pizza and beer, and pleasant conversation. For those who wish to get in on the fun, be sure to sign up for the Valentine's Party scheduled at Donna Shibley's home on Saturday, February 12th, at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is being asked to bring a snack or something to drink. RSVP is requested by calling 786-3888 before Saturday, February 12th.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

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The Tobacco Valley & Pioneer Valley Friends of the NRA Foundation will host a fundraising banquet on Thursday, February 17th at Chez Josef in Agawam.

The banquet will include a social hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. The festivities will also include a live auction, silent auction, and NRA specialty items.

Funds raised at the event will be used to fund firearms safety education, range development, training programs, and conservation activities in

Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Banquet tickets are \$25 each and may be ordered from William A. Beyer, Jr., 30 Day Avenue, Northampton, MA 01060. Please make checks payable to Friends of the NRA Foundation. Tickets may also be charged to a credit card by calling 1-800-890-6722.

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MR. & MRS. CHRISTOPHER WHITE

Kathleen McCarthy Weds Mr. White

St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield was the setting of the October 23rd wedding of Kathleen McCarthy to Christopher White.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Beverly McCarthy of Feeding Hills. The parents of the bridegroom are Randall and Diane White of Agawam.

Amy White, sister of the bridegroom, served as maid of honor, while Mike McCarthy, brother of the bride, served as best man.

The couple are both graduates of Agawam High School.

The bride also graduated from Northeastern University in Boston. She is a registered nurse at Elliot Hospital in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Her husband is a graduate of Westfield State College. He is a key account manager for Frito Lay, Inc.

Following a reception at the Hampden Country Club, the couple honeymooned in the Grand Cayman Islands. The couple will reside in Nashua, New Hampshire.

Best Way To Celebrate Passenger Safety: Buckle-Up When Driving & Obey The Law

While February 13th-19th is recognized as National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week, your family could celebrate passenger safety week by simply obeying the law.

"On February 1st, Massachusetts became the 46th state to mandate seatbelt use. All motorists and passengers must buckle up or face a \$25 fine. Drivers will be held responsible for passengers under 16," said Shirley LaRoche, R.N., coordinator of the Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition based at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital.

In 1991, some 600 children under the age of five were killed as passengers in automobiles. Many of the thousands injured each year are left permanently disabled, physically or mentally, noted LaRoche.

"Children standing in the back or kneeling in the front of the car, riding in the cargo area of a station wagon, riding in an open truck, or sitting on an adult's lap are all children in danger," LaRoche said.

LaRoche added that when correctly installed and used, child safety seats alone are extremely effective, reducing the risk of death by 71 percent, hospitalizations by 67 percent, and minor injuries by 50 percent.

She said that regular vehicle safety belts are not suitable for infants and small children. Special car safety restraints are needed, designed

to spread crash forces over a large area in the child's body.

The Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition based at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend the following additional passenger safety tips:

- * Put the child in the car seat on **every** ride.
- * Insist that everyone buckle up. In a crash, persons riding loose could be thrown against those who are belted.
- * A child should use a combination lap and shoulder belt as long as the shoulder belt fits properly and does not cross the face or throat.
- * Usually the back seat is safer than the front, and the center back is the safest spot.
- * Don't buckle a child into only a shoulder belt.
- * Never tuck a shoulder belt under the arm of a child or an adult. Doing so could cause serious or even fatal injuries in a crash.
- * Make sure the car seat was made after 1981.
- * Do not place a rear facing child restraint in a front seat equipped with an air bag.
- * Don't strap two children into one belt. Neither will be protected.

For additional travel safety tips, call the Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition based at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital at 784-5434.

La Leche League Can Help New Moms

"Are there foods I should avoid if I breastfeed my baby?" This and many other questions will be answered with the latest medical research and personal experience at the Agawam-West Springfield La Leche League monthly meeting on Monday, February 24th, at 7:30 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church in West Springfield.

The discussion will include suggestions about nutrition for nursing mothers and their families, as well as information about weaning the breast-fed baby.

For further information, call Teresa at 734-5922.

Capt. John Kukowski "Officer Of Year"

Air Force Capt. John T. Kukowski Jr. has been named officer of the year.

Selection was based on the individual's exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant self-improvement, and other accomplishments.

Kukowski, an operations officer, is the son of Harriet Howland of 31 Starling Road, Springfield, and John T. Kukowski Sr. of 23 Robin Lane, Feeding Hills.

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New Officers Named By Ag. Junior Women



1994 OFFICERS OF THE Agawam Junior Women's Club, from left - Sue Hoague, 2nd vice-president; Nancy Campi, corresponding secretary; Eileen Hamre, treasurer; Pat Belisle, recording secretary; Donna Shibley, president; Cindy Sanford, director of publicity; Ann Woodard, Ways & Means; Stephanie Bertagnolli, Ways & Means; and Eva Jack, newsletter. **RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE.** Advertiser News

photos by Jack Devine.

Jr. Women's Club Plans Program On Children's Home

Representatives from the Children's Study Home, Mary Lou Robinson and Jennifer Metsch (the Home's Director of Development), will give an overview of the organization's program and services at the Captain Charles Leonard House on February 15th at 7:30 p.m. The talk will target homelessness and "Project Permanency." After the program, refreshments will be served.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is currently involved in "Project Permanency" and wishes to inform new members about the program. If you are not a member but are interested, please come.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.



Ag. Senior Athletes To Meet February 17th

A meeting of the Agawam Senior Games Athletes (ASGA) will be held on Thursday, February 17th, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. at the Agawam

Senior Center.

All members are urged to attend to vote on changing the organization's meeting time to early evenings in the future and to discuss its by-laws. They are also looking for ASGA volunteers to participate in the TV 22 Easter Seal Telethon to be held on Sunday, March 6th, and for both ASGA volunteers and the general public to lend their services to the Channel 57 Telethon on Monday, March 7th, from 7:30 to 11:00 p.m.

Any Agawam/Feeding Hills athlete (55 years of age and older) who enjoys participating in all types of athletics, is cordially invited to attend this meeting and join ASGA.

For further information, contact Desiree Jacobs, President, at 786-5031.

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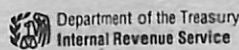
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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

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Tuesday, February 15th: Baked chicken leg, sweet potato, broccoli & cauliflower, pumpernickel bread, pineapple chunks.

Wednesday, February 16th: Grape juice, baked macaroni & cheese, stewed tomatoes, whole wheat bread, jello with fruit.

Thursday, February 17th: Stuffed veal roll, mashed potatoes, cabbage & carrots, Canadian oat bread, prunes.

Friday, February 18th: Corn chowder, egg salad sandwich, three-bean salad, mixed fruit.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM PUBLIC HEARING

The Agawam City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 22, 1994 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA on a Class II Dealer License for Park Place Auto Sales, 1688 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1994 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of I. FRANKLIN REALTY which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7, Paragraph B of the

Zoning Ordinances which would allow for the expansion of a non-conforming structure with less than the required rear yard, at the premises identified as 79 SPRINGFIELD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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More Officers Of Ag. Junior Women's Club



MORE 1994 OFFICERS (see Page 10) of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, from left - Eva Dion, Hospitality; Pam Quirk, Education; Betty Vershon, Education; Laura Paul, International; Sue Truschelli, photographer; and Carol Patrick, Home Life. Missing: Leslie McNair, Home Life, and Joyce Bressem-Granger, Conservation. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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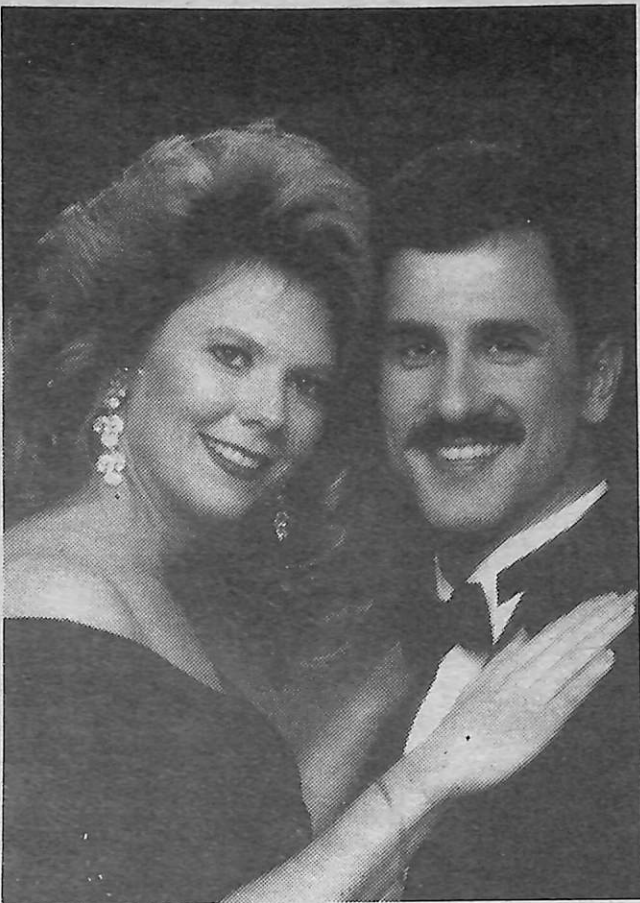
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Patricia Bennett To Wed Bryan F. Kinsley

Mrs. Sandra Kinsley of Chapin Street, Feeding Hills, and Frank Kinsley, Jr. of Northwood Street, Feeding Hills, announce the engagement of their son, Bryan F., to Patricia Bennett of Miami, Florida. Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bennett of Miami.

The bride-to-be graduated from South Miami High and from Florida State University with a degree in finance.

The prospective bridegroom, a former resident of Feeding Hills, now of Miami, Florida, graduated from Agawam High in 1982 and from Southeastern Academy in Kissimmee, Florida, in 1984.

The couple are both employed by United Airlines at Miami International Airport. The bride-to-be is a Customer Service Trainer, and the prospective bridegroom is a Service Director for Customer Service.

An October 22nd wedding is planned in Miami, Florida, where the couple will reside following the ceremony.



BRIANNA GABRIELLE GONCALVES

Goncalves Announce Birth Of Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Amaro Goncalves of Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Brianna Gabrielle. Brianna was born Saturday, December 11th, 1993, and weighed seven pounds, 13 ounces. She was welcomed home by her older brother, Danny.

Maternal grandparents are Leslie and Dale Melanson of Agawam. Paternal grandparents are Teodoro and Matilde Goncalves of Caracas, Venezuela.

Brianna's great-grandparents are Albert and Sue Peckham of Agawam, and Doris and Ray Melanson of Agawam.

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KERRY A. CAMPBELL & TIMOTHY J. HEBERT

Kerry A. Campbell To Wed Timothy J. Hebert

The engagement of Kerry A. Campbell of Taunton, MA, and Timothy J. Hebert of Mansfield, MA, has been announced by the bride-to-be's mother, Jeanne C. Campbell of Taunton.

Parents of the future bridegroom are Alfred J. and Patricia A. Hebert of 51 Elmar Drive, Feeding Hills. The bride-to-be is also the daughter of the late Allan L. Campbell.

The bride-elect graduated from Taunton High School, the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, with a bachelor's degree in elementary education, and is attending the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, pursuing a bachelor's degree in civil engineering.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Agawam High School and UMass-Amherst with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in mechanical engineering. He is a fired heater engineer at Raytheon Engineers and Constructors, Cambridge, MA.

An August 12th wedding is planned.

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Church News

Ag. Congregational's Calendar Of Events

This Sunday, February 13th, is Boy Scout Sunday at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 82 will take part in the worship service at 10:30 a.m.

The church's new member classes will continue on Wednesday, February 16th, at 7:35 p.m. All are welcome to attend these informative sessions about the mission and ministries of the church.

The series "Our Sexuality—God's Good Gift," for seventh through ninth graders, will continue at 7:30 p.m. on the following Thursdays: February 17th, March 3rd, and March 10th.

Reverend Fuller and Corinne Colman, Youth Director, are leading the discussions.

Come sail with the Agawam Congregational Church at its February Vacation Camp, "Pirates For Christ," on Friday, February 25th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Children ages two through the fifth grade are welcome to attend.

Call the church office at 786-7111 to register; the cost is \$2 per child, and \$5 for a family of three or more.

There will be an all-church ski trip on February 19th. The cost will be \$23 for the lift ticket and rental (\$8 more for lesson). Call the church office ASAP to sign up. (The skiers will be travelling in cars from the church parking lot.)

A Lenten Bible Study is being held Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church. A challenging and inspiring book titled "Passion for the Possible," by Rev. William Sloan Coffin, will be the focus for this Lenten program.

Rev. Fuller will be leading this discussion group. All are welcome to attend.

A special Ash Wednesday service will be held on Wednesday, February 16th, at 7:00 p.m.

Catholic Women Plan Next Meeting For Monday, Feb. 14th

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will meet in the Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Church on Monday, February 14th, at 8:00 p.m. President Beverly Boudreau promises a brief business meeting to allow ample time for the program which will follow.

Program chairwoman Joan Malinoski will present Lise Galarneau of Hampden, who will demonstrate her very special talent of palm weaving (an art she was taught as a 10 year-old when she lived in a convent in Sherbrooke, Canada). Each year, Mrs. Galarneau makes about 100 sprays of the crown of thorns and cocottes, which she distributes to area nursing homes. She also makes larger pieces for churches for Palm Sunday.

Lise Galarneau considers her talent a gift from God—an art she will gladly teach to others, only if they will not use it for profit. She will conduct a workshop for Catholic Women's Club members on Monday evening. Members are asked to bring scissors and a common pin.

Refreshments will be served by Jackie Hayes and Kathy Rourke and their committee.

Ag. Congregational To Hold Chicken Dinner

The Merriweds of Agawam Congregational Church are serving a boneless breast of chicken dinner on Thursday, February 17th, 1994.

The menu is as follows: breast of chicken, carrots, cranberry sauce, baked potato, cole slaw, rolls, beverage (coffee, tea, or milk), and homemade cake for dessert. There will be one sitting at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, and \$4 for children under 12. For reservations, call Alice Orr at 786-7114. Reservations will close February 14th, 1994.

Rev. Richard Meahan Invites Parishioners To Ash Wed. Services

Father Richard F. Meahan, Pastor of Saint John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main Street, Agawam, has announced that three Masses will be celebrated at the Church on Ash Wednesday, February 16th.

During each of the Masses at 8:30 a.m., 4:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m., ashes will be blessed and imposed on the foreheads of those wishing to receive them as a sign of personal conversion during the Lenten Season.

Father Kevin B. Sousa, headmaster of Holyoke Catholic High School, will be the guest celebrant of the 7:00 p.m. Liturgy.

Father Sousa, a native of Springfield, is a graduate of Cathedral High School in Springfield and Saint Anselm's College in Manchester, New Hampshire. He prepared for the priesthood at Saint John's Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts and was ordained for service in the Springfield Diocese on May 15th, 1982 by Bishop Joseph F. Maguire.

He has served as Parochial Vicar at Blessed Sacrament Church in Holyoke and St. Thomas the Apostle Church in West Springfield. He has served the Springfield Diocese as a member of the Justice and Peace Commission, the Presbyteral Council, and the Liturgical Commission.

He has been headmaster of Holyoke Catholic since June 1987. He presently resides at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Rectory in Holyoke.

On each Friday of Lent, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church from 2:00 until 3:00 p.m. and the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 3:00 p.m. A special Stations of the Cross service for children will be prayed each Friday at 4:00 p.m.

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Church News - continued...



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Youth Group will miss their director, David Anderson.

Valley Community Announces Feb. Schedule

The Valley Community Church Congregational is located at 152 South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills, MA, atop the hill overlooking the Pioneer Valley.

The church invites people of all denominational backgrounds and heritage to attend its services and activities. The church's fellowship is enriched by the various traditions represented in its membership, and the members' faith is strengthened by a creative approach to their worship and service to God.

The church's calendar of events for the month of February follows:

Saturday, February 12th: Famous Chicken Supper, Dunn Hall, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 13th: Sunday Worship and Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Rev. Stephen Dennehey.

Sunday, February 13th: Hilltop Players' rehearsal of the musical "Oliver," 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 16th: Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m. Rev. Stephen Dennehey.

Sunday, February 20th: Sunday Worship and Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Rev. Stephen Dennehey.

Sunday, February 20th: Hilltop Players' rehearsal of the musical "Oliver," 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 27th: Sunday Worship and Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Rev. Stephen Dennehey.

(Every Tuesday and Wednesday: STAGE rehearsal - "Alice in Wonderland," 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.)

For more information on church activities or to use the church, halls, theatre, or grounds for weddings, receptions, showers, group functions, classes, or performances, call the church secretary at 786-2445.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM
PUBLIC HEARING

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 7, 1994 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board to amend Chapter 180, Article VII of the Agawam Town Code entitled "Business A District" with the following amendments:

Add to Section 180-44, Permitted Uses: Section 180-44H - Drive-In Restaurants and Drive Thru Restaurants after a Special Permit by the Board of Appeals in conformance with Section 180-11. At no time shall less than 50 parking spaces be provided on site.

vided on site.

Add the following definitions to Section 180-2, Definitions and Word Usage: Restaurant, Drive-In and Drive-Thru - a restaurant which provides convenient vehicular access and may provide service to customers while in their vehicles.

Copies of these proposed amendments can be viewed or obtained from the Agawam Planning & Community Development Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office in the Agawam Town Hall.

Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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Baptist Youth Director Leaving Agawam

After 6½ years of faithful service, Agawam First Baptist Youth Director David Anderson will be moving on.

Dave officially announced his retirement on January 9th of this year, saying that he had accepted the position of Director of Christian Education at the First Baptist Church of North Adams.

During his time spent in Agawam, Dave, 25, has taken his youth groups on four mission trips or "Love Crusades" in which they have done projects for Habitat for Humanity, visited homeless shelters, and conducted a vacation bible school.

Dave has also led his groups in the creation and performing of Advent services, and youth Sundays, most famously, "Secret Ambition."

Other parts of Dave's programs have included three annual retreats to "The Farm" in New Hampshire, the final of which was held February 4th-7th, service projects, and sleepovers.

Dave leaves behind a church youth program that may never be equalled. His hard work and dedication extended far beyond the normal levels. Though he was paid to meet occasionally with the youth, Dave put a lot more of himself into the job, creating a legacy all of his own.

Dave, through his youth program, has spread the name of the First Baptist Church far beyond its own doors. His service, "Secret Ambition," has brought tears to nearly every eye it has come across.

His retreats have redefined the word friendship, and his motto, "You're never too young to change the world," can be observed in every youth who has come in contact with him.

One thing is certain as we near Dave's last days—he will be dearly missed, yet never forgotten.



DAVID ANDERSON is leaving as youth director of the Agawam First Baptist Church after six years.

The owners & operators of Jeff Allen's Restaurant are sad to announce the recent closing of their establishment.

Due to increased structural damage and our inability to negotiate a fair lease, we have been forced to vacate our present location. We would like to thank all our loyal customers for their continued patronage during our 15 years in business. We hope to see you soon in a new location to better serve all our needs.

Thank You



Spotlight On Business

Hamilton Standard Employees Receive Award From NASA

State Senator John A. Kissel (R-Enfield) attended a breakfast at Hamilton Standard in Windsor Locks recently honoring six of the seven Hubble astronauts, and observed the presentation of the NASA "Silver Snoopy Awards" to two Hamilton Standard employees.

The six astronauts, Dick Covey, Claude Nicollier, Story Musgrave, Jeff Hoffman, Kathy Thornton, and Tom Akers, detailed the successful mission they recently undertook to repair the Hubble Telescope.

Additionally, two employees, Robert Aaron of Enfield, and David Quaglini Jr. of Agawam, Massachusetts, were awarded NASA's "Silver Snoopy Awards," presented to individuals who have performed an outstanding effort contributing to the success of manned space flight missions. The Silver Snoopy is the highest award NASA bestows upon civilians.

"I had the opportunity to speak with Jeff Hoffman, one of the astronauts, about the future of the U.S. Space program," Sen. Kissel said. "He strongly expressed his belief that we must continue space exploration and generate additional support on the state level for more manned space flights."

"I agree with that assessment. We must all support the U.S. space program not only for the technological advances that inevitably come from such research, but because of the economic impact as well. Hamilton Standard, which made the space suits used in the mission, is NASA's largest supplier in the northeast. The space program is not only important to us as a nation in general, but to north central Connecticut specifically," Sen. Kissel said.

"To make sure we keep as many high quality jobs here in Connecticut as possible, we have to promote endeavors like space exploration, that help our people as well as our nation."

Fitness First Honoring Memberships From Figures & Fitness

Fitness First Racquet & Fitness Center in Feeding Hills has made arrangements with the owners of the Westfield Figures & Fitness to honor most of their memberships. Memberships were terminated at Figures & Fitness on Monday, January 31st, due to a sudden closing.

Figures & Fitness, a popular "women's only" fitness club, closed its location in Westfield last week after 14 years in the Westfield Shops. The owners of Figures & Fitness, Richard and Ellen Bellichi, stated that over the last few years, "women's only" clubs have given away to the large, family-oriented clubs. Unfortunately, due to this social and economic change, the Bellichis were forced to close their Westfield club.

According to Kurt and Paula Welker, owners of Fitness First, arrangements to transfer memberships over to Fitness First have been made. A notice was posted inside Figures & Fitness prior to the closing stating this fact. Letters are also being mailed to all active members regarding this change.

Figures & Fitness members are being given the option of joining Fitness First or staying with Figures & Fitness at their Holyoke or Chicopee locations. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the transfer of membership, please call Fitness First at 786-1460, or Figures & Fitness in Holyoke at 532-7779.

Due to the high volume of response Fitness First is getting, appointments are highly recommended at Fitness First for initial visits. Some cardiovascular and aerobic equipment has already been moved to Fitness First.

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by
John Schuler
realtor



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Attention To Details Will Help Sell Your Home Quicker

When prospective buyers view or tour your home, they can be influenced by many small details. These details often make a statement about the perceived condition of your house. An overgrown lawn, walkways covered with snow and ice, peeling paint, and broken fixtures may convince a potential buyer that your home has not been properly maintained. Your property's sales appeal can easily be increased by changing many small details in and around your home.

The outside of your home is the area which affects a buyer's first impression, and it is often the easiest area to enhance. For example, a fresh coat of paint can increase the value of your property, but some sellers may not want to spend the time and money to paint the entire house.

Painting just the shutters and trim, however, is an inexpensive option that can make a big difference. Home owners with vinyl or aluminum siding on their homes may want to consider a thorough cleaning. Potential buyers may simply drive by your home, and if the outside area is attractive, they'll be encouraged to schedule a time to tour the inside.

When touring your property, potential buyers will try to visualize what it would be like to live in your home. You can make them feel comfortable

and even excited about your home through several easy and inexpensive interior enhancements.

Your home should possess adequate lighting since people react favorably to rooms which are well lit. Keeping windows clean with open blinds and drapes will let as much sunlight as possible into your home. Use adequate wattage light bulbs and turn on lights prior to showing. You may want to position floor lamps strategically to enhance a room or highlight an antique.

Ideally, your interior colors should be neutral. This will also brighten rooms while allowing buyers to envision how their furniture will match. Shades of white or off-white are good choices, but avoid bright colors and highly patterned wallpaper.

Although many sellers fail to recognize it, a clean or new scented home is very important. Consider a new coat of paint for the walls and a coat of polyurethane to natural wood trim and floors. A thorough cleaning should remove any strong smells such as pet odor or tobacco. Some owners may want to freshen their homes with flower accents or by baking cookies or bread in the oven prior to a series of showings.

You can help buyers visualize where their furnishings and items would fit by demonstrating how much room you have. Each room should be neat and clutter-free. Place knick-knacks, picture frames, and personal items out of view. Organizing your closets, cabinets, and basement will further demonstrate that you have a lot of space.

Finally, replace old, outdated, or worn-out fixtures in your home. New knobs can give a fresh look to old cabinets, drawers, and doors. A new towel rack, toilet seat, or shower curtain can spruce up your bathroom. A careful inspection should be made of all of your home's switches and fixtures to make sure they are all working properly.

Attention to most of these minor details will capture the attention of potential buyers, and encourage them to tour your property, make them feel comfortable while they visit, and help them visualize what it would be like to live in your home. Your home-enhancement efforts could yield a quicker sale for the best possible price.

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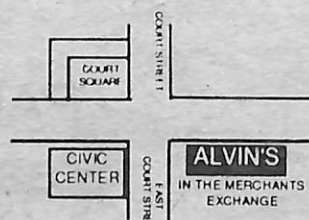
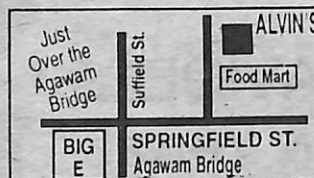
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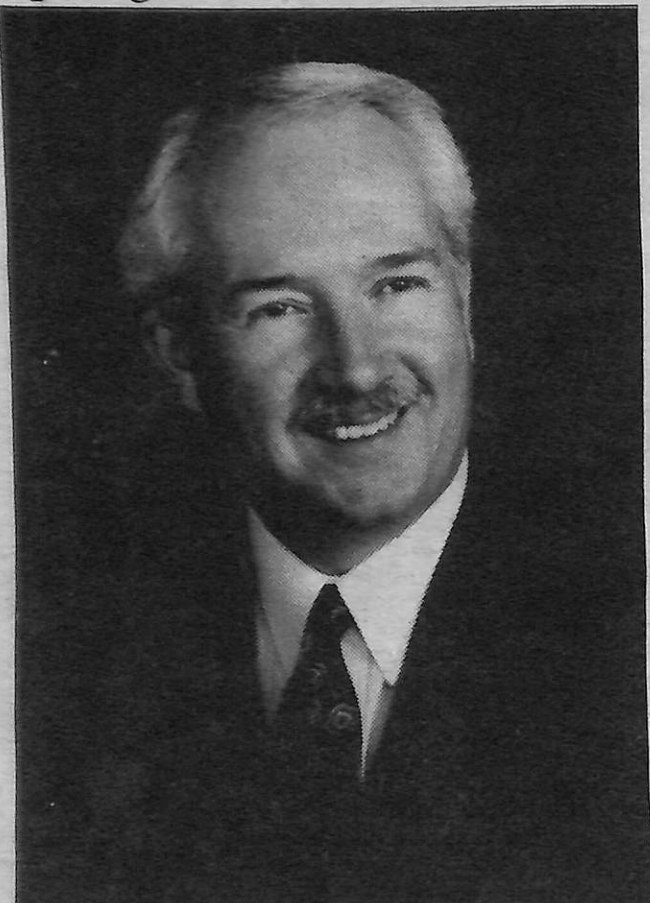
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Spotlight On Business - continued...**RICHARD S. BRYSKIEWICZ**

New York Life Names Richard Bryskiewicz

Brooks P. Barlett, managing partner of the Springfield/Hartford General Office of New York Life, is pleased to announce the appointment of Richard S. Bryskiewicz of Agawam as development associate.

Bryskiewicz will be responsible for recruiting new associates as well as providing personal and business insurance planning.

A graduate of WSE-University of Hartford, his career encompasses 25 years of sales and business management in the wholesale goods and financial services industries.



Financial Planning

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Dollar-Cost Averaging... Making The Market Work For You

It's easy to make money in financial markets: All you have to do is buy low and sell high. The hard part is determining when prices actually are at the highs or the lows. This is the element that keeps market analysts humble and investors on the sidelines.

However, one thing is for sure about the stock market: Prices will fluctuate. The key to successful investing is to take advantage of these market fluctuations through a disciplined strategy of dollar-cost averaging, which can help you reach your financial goals.

Pay yourself first. Dollar-cost averaging isn't magic; it's nothing more than investing the same amount of money at regular intervals, usually on a monthly basis. In fact, you may be dollar-cost averaging now. If you work for a company with a retirement or savings plan and you have money withdrawn from your paycheck, you've already established the principles of dollar-cost averaging.

Why does it work? Dollar-cost averaging works because the amount you invest is constant. This means that you buy more when the price is low, and less when the price is high. The result is that your average cost per share is usually lower than the average market price per share, as long as the value goes up.

Making it work. Let's say, for example, that you decide to invest \$100 every month in a particular stock (see table). Over a six-month period, the stock fluctuates from a low of \$5 per share to a high of \$10. When the per share price is low, you buy more shares; when the per share price is high, you buy fewer shares.

An Example of Dollar-Cost Averaging

Month	Stock Price	Investment	Shares
January	\$10	\$100	10
February	\$8	\$100	12.5
March	\$5	\$100	20
April	\$7	\$100	14.3
May	\$9	\$100	11.1
June	\$10	\$100	10
Total	\$49	\$600	77.9

In this example of a hypothetical investment, you invest the same each month so the number of shares you obtain depends on the price. At the end of six months, you own 77.9 shares worth \$10 per share. Your investment is worth \$779, an increase in value of \$179 (\$779 minus \$600 equals \$179).

Your average cost per share is \$7.50 (\$600/77.9 shares), and your average price per share is \$8.16 (\$49/6). Your cost is \$.46 per share less than your price (\$8.16 minus \$7.70). That's called buying smart and making the market work for you.

Getting started. The first step is making a commitment to pay yourself first. Set money aside today so you have something for tomorrow.

You may want to talk to a financial planner to help get you started. The important thing is to start investing on a regular basis. Of course, there's no guarantee, and you may incur a loss if you stop investing or sell when the market declines. The key to success is to invest regularly over a long period of time so the law of averages works in your favor.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Canary & Blomstrom
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Alson K. Canary and Richard V. Blomstrom today announced the merger of their two insurance agencies into the new **Canary/Blomstrom Insurance Agency, Inc.**, with offices located at 525 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The merging of the former Canary Insurance Agency and Blomstrom Insurance Agency will significantly broaden the client base and gain access to an expanded pool of insurance markets.

"We view the combination of our insurance agency, **Canary/Blomstrom**, as a positive move for all concerned," said Al Canary, president.

"There's very little overlap in agent expertise so we will have the opportunity to serve a broader client base with a larger arsenal of products, knowledge, and experience. It is the essence of what is best realized when two firms of similar purposes unite," added Canary.

Canary has 30 years of insurance experience. He became a licensed life agent in February 1964 and worked for Allstate Insurance Company in 1966. Canary became an independent agent in 1989.

Blomstrom has 29 years of insurance experience. In 1965 he was trained as an underwriter for Travelers Insurance. He eventually became manager of the Springfield Office of Travelers Insurance between 1967-1971 and then became an officer for the Preston/Olmstead Agency from 1972 to 1977.

From 1978 to 1983, Blomstrom merged and became a partner in Palmer Goodell Insurance Agency and from 1984 to 1987 progressed to the firm's marketing manager. In July 1987, he purchased the small accounts division from Palmer Goodell.

He became an independent agent in 1987. To discuss your insurance needs with either Al Canary or Richard Blomstrom, call 789-3995.



THE NEW PARTNERS OF CANARY/BLOMSTROM INSURANCE AGENCY, INC. - Alson K. Canary (left) and Richard V. Blomstrom. RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Birthday Card ads are \$25 with picture; \$15 for smaller ad without picture.



VIRGINIA P. TRELA

**Virginia P. Trela
Retires From Dentistry**

Virginia Pelow Trela of Westfield, a dental hygienist, has retired. For 14 years, she worked for Dr. John F. Moran of Vernon Street, Springfield. In addition, she was also employed for 35 years in the office of Dr. Paul G. Query of 100 Main Street, Agawam.

Upon the occasion of her retirement, Virginia stated, "To all my dear friends and patients, thank you so much for so many years of friendship and loyalty. I'm sad to go, but now is the time. I'll miss you all very much and remember you thoughtfully."

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*Spotlight On Business - continued...***Introducing "Canary/Blomstrom Insurance Agency, Inc."**

THE FEEDING HILLS INSURANCE AGENCIES of Alson Canary & Richard V. Blomstrom have merged into "Canary/Blomstrom Insurance Agency, Inc.," located at 525 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. (SEE STORY AND RELATED PHOTO ON PREVIOUS PAGE). Above, Alson Canary is pictured with his three secretaries - Gail Mathewson (left), Lori Harvey, and Jeanne Hansen. LEFT, Richard Blomstrom is pictured with his secretary, Susan A. Corbett. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

FOR GLOSSY COPIES of photos in this edition, please contact Jack Devine at his home, 789-0053.

Prav Mathur Joins Landry, Lyons, Whyte In West Springfield

Laurence D. Landry, President of Landry, Lyons & Whyte Co./Better Homes and Gardens, announces that Prav Mathur of Agawam has joined our West Springfield office as a Sales Associate.

Prav has resided in Western Massachusetts since graduating from Longmeadow High School. He has a degree in Hotel/Restaurant Management and has worked in many area restaurants. Prav has been a realtor since 1988 and is an active member of the Springfield Indian Association.

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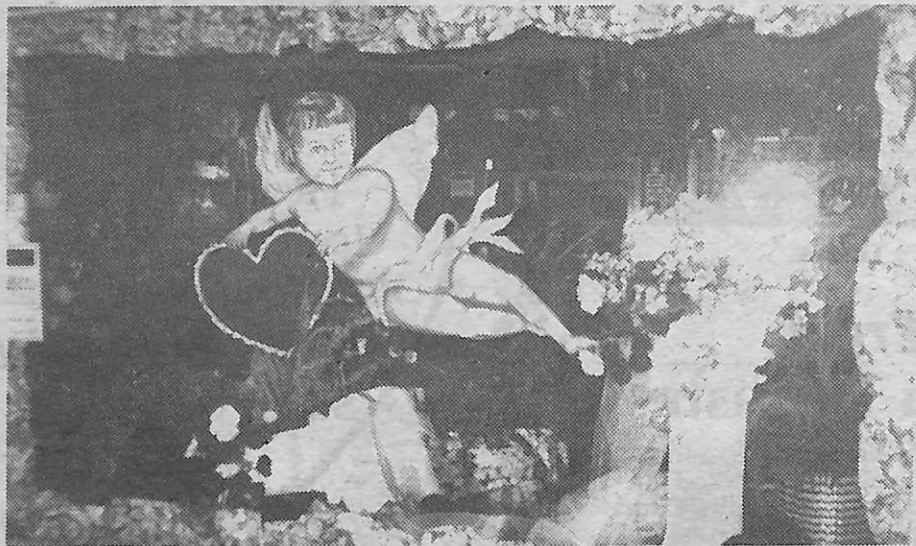
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Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Some Colors Can Boost Your Appetite

At a traffic light, red means stop. But when it comes to your appetite, red means go. Research shows that certain colors will trigger you to eat more food. Other colors will dull your appetite.

Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions conducted several studies with normal and overweight people.

They changed the color of food carts and cups from orange and yellow to black and white. The result ... a dramatic drop in the amount of food sold during coffee breaks. When Howard Johnson's restaurants changed their color scheme from light blue to orange, food sales rose 134%.

Bright prints and warm colors like red, yellow, and orange make food look better and rev up your appetite. Subdued colors dull your appetite. So calorie counters may eat less simply by using dishes, wallpaper, and linens that are white, rose, ivory, blue, or black.

Dieting is hard work! So, every little tip can help ... including making your kitchen colors cool and subdued.

Chronic Pain Sufferers Can Receive Support

Persons who suffer with chronic pain are invited to join a support group designed to provide help and support to persons, family members, and others affected by chronic pain.

The group will meet twice during February, on February 14th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the O'Hara Room of the Deliso Conference Center, and on February 28th, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Memorial House Library.

The support group meetings will be facilitated by Meredith McCarran, Ph.D., Director of the Pain Management Program at the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation, Mercy Hospital.

There is no fee, and coffee will be served.

These meetings are open to anyone who is experiencing chronic pain or who has a friend or loved one suffering from chronic pain.

For more information, contact Peg Valley at 748-6830.

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Creating Self-Esteem To Be Presented At Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce a program entitled "Creating High Self-Esteem and Success For Our Children," to be presented on Thursday, February 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the library.

This uplifting and inspiring program will be presented by Dr. Steve Sobel, a nationally recognized speaker and author. Dr. Sobel will present his insights and ideas on how parents can guide their children towards success in the school setting, as well as how to help their children reach their potential and "go for their dreams" in life.

Enjoy practical ideas presented in a very lively and supportive manner. Join in for what should prove to be a marvelous and informative evening.

Dr. Steve Sobel travels throughout the United States and Canada as the featured speaker to many school systems, parent associations, and professional groups. Steve is also a professor of Special Education at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain.

He founded and has directed the New England Institute for Stress Management in West Springfield for many years and is also a columnist for several newspapers and magazines. He regularly speaks on WHYN, WNNZ, and WMAS radio on issues related to self-esteem and success for children. Steve is widely known for his practical, inspirational, and often humorous views on how to enjoy life.

"Creating High Self-Esteem and Success For Our Children" is another program in an L.S.C.A. Grant entitled "Students' High Tech Multimedia Education Center," which is being funded through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners with Title I funds of L.S.C.A. (Library Services and Construction Act), a Federal source of library funding.

To register for this free program, please call the Agawam Public Library at 789-1550.

Pulmonary Support At Mercy Hospital

The Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital in coordination with the American Lung Association will sponsor its monthly pulmonary support group, Better Breathers, on Wednesday, February 23rd from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Medical Staff Room of the Deliso Conference Center at the hospital.

People with lung disease and their families are invited to attend an afternoon of sharing and learning about better living with lung disease.

Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (413) 748-9610.

Diabetic Education Programs Offered At Mercy Hospital

The Patient Education Department at Mercy Hospital is offering a free series of hour-long diabetic education programs to the public. Classes are offered in the afternoon in the Breck Room of the Deliso Conference Center.

"Introduction to Diabetes" will be offered on February 14th at 2:30 p.m. by a nurse educator.

"Diet and Diabetes," presented by a dietician or nurse educator, will be offered on February 15th at 2:30 p.m.

"Medications Used in the Treatment of Diabetes" is planned for February 16th at 2:30 p.m. by a Mercy pharmacist.

"Complications Related to Diabetes," offered on February 17th at 2:30 p.m., will be presented by a nurse educator.

Pre-registration is required for the series.

For more information, call Patient Education at 748-9024 between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. weekdays, or leave a message.

Alliance For Mentally Ill To Hold Next Mtg. At Mount Marie

Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Western Massachusetts will hold its next educational meeting on Thursday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Marie Conference Center, Holyoke.

Topic of discussion will be "Consumers Entertain and Speak Out," and will feature speakers Patrick Austin (Director, Office of Consumer & Ex-Patient Relations), Lynne Lynn ("Supported Education"), Rebecca Macauley ("An Alternative Viewpoint"), Ken Roberts ("Using Music for Relaxation Therapy").

This topic will be of interest to consumers, family members, professionals, and the public, for an entertaining and enlightening program from consumers of the mental health system and ex-patients.

Entertainment will be provided by Kim Obera, who will sing, Ken Roberts, who will play his keyboard, and Scott Aschenbach, who will exhibit his photography. *Blossoms*, a short playlet written by Rev. Robert Loesch, will be performed by a cast consisting of Tina Warren, Pamela Jodrey, and Steve LaMountain.

A question and answer period will follow. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call 786-9139.

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Suffield: In an example of one of the slowest courses of justice in history, in a few weeks a man accused of murdering his two nephews, his brother, and his wife and her first husband—among others—will get his day in court in Suffield. The accused has been dead for more than 500 years.

The audience will be the jury in "The Final Trial of Richard III," a courtroom drama involving allegations of mayhem and murder that make the accusations in today's Bobbit and Menendez courtroom trials look like misdemeanors.

The play, written by Mary W. Schaller and presented by the Suffield Players for three weekends—beginning February 17th and running February 18th-19th, 25th-26th, and March 4th and 5th in historic Mapleton Hall—combines successful elements of the group's recent award-winning costumed dramas and a popular audience-participation murder-mystery play presented a few years ago.

In "The Final Trial of Richard III," audiences will hear testimony from historical figures, including Sir Thomas More and Shakespeare, who take the stand as prosecution witnesses. The accused, who reigned as King of England just two years before being killed in battle in 1485, tries to discredit the witnesses under cross-examination "with all the dramatic flair and ferocity of Perry Mason and Matlock," says director Lyle W. Pearsons of Suffield.

"Americans love following dramatic courtroom trials," says Pearsons, citing the front-page coverage in recent years of the William Kennedy Smith rape trial and the two Rodney King trials in California. If this isn't enough, Pearsons says, a slew of successful movies in the last few years—including "A Few Good Men," "The Firm," and "Philadelphia"—involve courtroom combat. "The Final Trial of Richard III" is something more, however.

After all, it's not every day that people sit in on the trial of someone returned from the dead, unable to rest until his name is cleared. Audiences watching the Suffield play will be instructed by a bailiff each night to "listen to the testimony" and "weight the evidence" as "ladies and gentlemen of the jury." The play is written with two outcomes—guilty and not guilty—to respond to how the audience votes.

Richard III accuses Shakespeare of ignoring facts and spicing up history in his play that makes Richard out to be a "lump of foul deformity," "a hellhound," a "poisonous hunch-backed toad," and an "elvish-marked, abortive, rooting hog." The play poses questions that have perturbed historians for centuries: Does King Richard deserve the names and the reputation? Did he really kill all those people, including his young nephews who died in the dreaded Tower of London?

Pearsons says he is directing the actors to play up one side, then the other, to keep the audience see-sawing between the prosecution and the defense. There's even a last-minute surprise witness who could throw things off course just as the audience feels decided. "It will be interesting to see if audiences are swayed differently from night to night," says Pearsons.

The script allows great latitude for costumes, so the director turned for ideas to Margie Secora of Southwick, who has won theater festival awards for her costume designs in Suffield Players productions of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" and "Dark Lady"—another play in which Shakespeare appears.

While King Richard is on trial in the Suffield Players production, the director suggests that society is also on trial. Presiding over the otherworldly court are metaphorical figures like Judge Time and two prosecuting attorneys, an unwelcome pair named History and Rumor. Richard's only assistance in his defense is a public defender named Charity.



IN THE SUFFIELD PLAYERS' latest production, "The Final Trial of Richard III," Lord Buckingham (Ed Gogulski of West Suffield)—en route to the Tower of London with the young heir to the throne of England, Prince Edward (Derek Donnelly of Suffield)—encounters the young prince's mother, Queen Elizabeth (Pat Rogowski of Chicopee) and Lady Anne (Karen Balaska of Springfield). The courtroom drama, directed by Lyle Pearsons, runs February 17th-19th, 25th-26th, and March 4th-5th at Mapleton Hall in Suffield, CT. For reservations, call 1-800-289-6148.

"The premise of the play is intriguing because you may substitute any other defendant of the day—President Clinton, Princess Diana, Col. Oliver North, any movie star, any financier, or other prominent figure—and look how they're pursued by History and Rumor, abetted by the public and the news media, with only Charity who will come to their aid," Pearsons says. This is a clever play because it works on various levels and appeals to people for many reasons, he adds.

Overall, people in the audience with little interest in Shakespeare will find the courtroom fireworks fun to watch, and those with a taste for classic theater should enjoy a few scenes from the famous play, the director says.

The prosecution's selected scenes from "Richard III" naturally include hand-rubbing mayhem such as the murder of Richard's nephews and brother Clarence, and the death of

Richard himself in the climatic battle scene on Bosworth Field ("A horse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse!").

Tickets are on sale now for all performances of "The Final Trial of Richard III" and may be reserved by calling the Suffield Players' new toll-free number: 1-800-289-6148. Tickets are \$5.00 for opening Thursday and Friday nights, February 17th and 18th.

Tickets for all other performances are \$10. Discounts are available for senior citizens and students, and for groups of 10 or more when prepaid. Seating is standard theater style. Mapleton Hall is located at 1305 Mapleton Avenue, Suffield.

Suffield Players shows often sell out early, so reservations are encouraged.

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Bon Appetit

by
Susan Anderson

Home, But Not Alone

It's not an easy life for working women. To be a wife and mother and hold a full-time job is an incredible juggling act with too much work to be done in not enough time.

Friday, 7:30 p.m. Finally arrive home after a thoroughly aggravating day. My fondest wish is to fill the bathtub up with hot water and lock the bathroom door for about an hour.

There are however, 10 beady eyes (four human, 2 canine, four feline) gawking at me with one urgent question ... what's for supper?

A solution to the problem is reached by dialing out for grinders. Nobody's perfect.

CHICKEN TORTILLA CASSEROLE (Serves 6)

- 4 corn tortillas, about 5½ inches in diameter
- 1 can (16 oz.) refried beans
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese (4 oz.)
- ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1½ cups cut-up cooked chicken
- 1 medium tomato, chopped (about ¾ cup)
- 4 green onions, sliced
- 1 can (2½ oz.) sliced ripe olives, drained
- 1 jar (8 oz.) taco sauce (1 cup)

Heat oven to 375F. Great 9-inch pie plate. Place one of the tortillas in the center of the bottom of the pie plate. Cut remaining tortillas in half; arrange around center tortilla, overlapping slightly. (Round edges will form a scallop platter around dish.) Carefully spread refried beans on tortillas. Sprinkle with the cheeses. Mix chicken, tomato, onions, olives, and taco sauce. Spoon chicken mixture over cheese in dish.

Bake uncovered 25-30 minutes or until hot. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

From: *Betty Crocker Easy One-Dish Meals* by General Mills.

Saturday, a day to sleep late. I wake up at 6:00 a.m. and can't go back to sleep. This is followed

by breakfast with my best friend, who develops a sinus headache and has to go home.

My daughter has been invited to join us after announcing the night before that she has spent every single Saturday of her entire life sitting around while her mother caroused with wild abandon throughout the shopping centers of New England. The shopping she envisioned for this day has not materialized and she oozes b-o-r-e-d-o-m from every pore. It's exhausting just to watch her.

Reprieve later arrives when my husband briefly takes young Ms. Terminally Bored to the store. The two of them bristle with an energy I haven't felt in years and even if I did and acted out on it, it might make me sick.

Am I finally home alone? Sure. Along with a kitchen floor that needs washing, a surplus of laundry, lots of dust, and (as usual) the matter of what to feed the troops when they return from the laborious business of browsing at Wal-Mart. My attitude about it is once again poor, revolving around the word "Yeeech."

FETTUCINE WITH CREAMY MUSHROOM SAUCE (Serves 4)

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, finely minced
- 1 pound mushrooms, wiped clean, thinly sliced
- 12 oz. fettuccine
- ¼ cup dry red wine
- 1½ cups scalded low-fat milk
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh chives
- 2 teaspoons arrowroot dissolved in 2 tablespoons chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

In a large non-stick skillet, heat the oil and saute the onion and mushrooms over medium heat for 8-10 minutes, or until golden, stirring often.

In the meantime, cook the fettuccine in a pot of boiling water until tender. Drain.

Add the wine to the onion mixture, increase heat, and cook until the liquid has been absorbed. Reduce heat to medium, add the scalded milk, and cook until the sauce thickens, about 3 minutes, stirring often. Add the chives and the arrowroot mixture, stir until smooth and thickened; add the cheese, stir, and place in a serving bowl. Add the fettuccine to the serving bowl, toss well, garnish with parsley, and serve immediately.

From: *Make It Easy Make It Light* by Laurie Burrows Grad.

Sunday. Another 6:00 a.m. awakening. Today is filled with an elaborate scrubbing of the cellar floor ... from which my daughter and I emerge with acute Leston fume intoxication. The dog comes in with muddy paws and decorates the newly-cleaned floor. We then undertake a rearranging of the kitchen, creating chaos everywhere.

At about 7:00 p.m., we finally sit down to dinner—a thick London broil marinated all night in a tangy combination of oil and wine vinegar, garlic, and Italian spices. Broiled medium rare, served with sesame seed rolls and tiny, white whole potatoes; all that's missing is the salad.

CASSEROLE FLORENTINE (Serves 6)

- 1 package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 clove of garlic, minced
- ½ teaspoon EACH dried tarragon, marjoram
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 cups cooked noodles or other cooked pasta
- 1 pound sweet Italian sausage, cooked, drained, and chopped
- 1 large onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 egg
- 16 oz. ricotta cheese
- 1 tomato, seeded and chopped
- Chopped parsley

Combine spinach, cream of mushroom soup, garlic and seasonings in a small bowl; spread evenly over noodles or other pasta in buttered 3-quart casserole. Distribute chopped sausage over the spinach mixture and sprinkle with chopped onion on top of sausage. Blend egg into ricotta and spread over all.

Bake in a preheated 375F oven 25-30 minutes or until golden, then allow to cool slightly. Garnish with tomato and parsley.

From: *Great New England Food Festival Recipes* by Yankee Magazine.

Sitting at the table with my family, I find myself content, a feeling that lasts until I realize that the next day is Monday and I have to go in early with a project that should have been worked on over the weekend.

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THIS WEEK AT THE MOVIES

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

—My Father, The Hero

In *My Father, The Hero*, Gerard Depardieu is typecast as a big, loveable, teddy bear of a father who's about to take a long-overdue vacation with his teenage daughter—a precocious sexpot and habitual liar who's about to make moral mince-ment of deal ol' dad.

We are supposed to believe that being nasty and rude is totally forgivable by merciful parents ... all the while the sight of the nymphette daughter in a white thong bathing suit is enough to give the rest of us heart attacks.

Perhaps it's the fact that this nymphette is an all-too-precocious 14 year-old; and, what might be palatable to viewers who enjoyed a slightly older, almost-of-age, aspiring sex kitten in *Blame It On Rio*, just doesn't work when the girl in question is barely out of eighth grade; when AIDS is a life-and-death issue; when sexually transmitted diseases are at an epidemic level; and young girls within that age group are being murdered every day for much less than flaunting their nearly-bare behinds on public beaches—Bahamas or not!

In this dimwitted screenplay, our nymphette sets out in pursuit of an older boy (a clean-cut 17 year-old). To make herself appear older (and more experienced) than she really is, she tells everyone her dad is really her lover.

Depardieu, of course, can't understand why people are sending him dirty looks, walking out of rooms when he comes in, and deserting an outdoor terrace like rats vacating a sinking ship when he sings "Thank Heaven For Little Girls."

It's almost funny—almost. It's sick when dear ol' dad finds out about the ploy and decides to play along with it to help his darling daughter win the man of her dreams.

This limp screenplay strives for cute but never quite makes it. What its writers try to pass off as sweet precociousness is enough to make the rest of us lock our daughters and granddaughters in the closet until they are 30.

—I'll Do Anything

The Player it's not. *I'll Do Anything* is an insipid wannabe, replete with half-baked characters—a film that couldn't make it as a musical and fares even less well as a piece of silver screen fluff.

It purports to offer an illuminating view of growing up in Hollywood, taking a stab at a moral statement and missing by a mile.

What's left isn't much, but it features Nick Nolte at the head of an ensemble cast assembled by James Brooks (who should be able to pick better plots than this).

Instead of individual portraits that delight, we are given a batch of self-centered whiners—the kind you avoid at all costs at cocktail parties (and, for that matter, any kind of party).

The story (?) goes something like this: Matt Hobbs (Nolte) is a hard-working actor who is out of work a lot more than he's in; he's married to lackluster Beth (Tracey Ullman), who walks out and takes their toddler daughter in tow. Three years later, Matt's still predominantly unemployed when his now six year-old daughter is dumped in his lap because mom's going to prison for fooling around with other people's money. Naturally, the darling daughter is now a precocious brat (theaters have had a run on them this week).

Stir into this mix Burke Adler (Albert Brooks), an out-of-touch-with-reality moviemaker who's involved with a film executive (Julie Kavner).

There are a few randomly delicious moments of absurdity to keep viewers sane, and love interests are manufactured to meet some elusive concept of need (despite the fact that none of the characters are ever really likeable). The whole thing seems like a nightmare come true, especially when you realize you have spent nearly \$7 to see it.



Pisano's Picks... ON VIDEO

by Louis Pisano

Valentine Videos

Here are my instructions: Rent one of these "love"ly films; retrieve the thickest blanket in the house; make some cocoa (although I prefer coffee); forget the major snow and sleet storms outside (which I'm sure there will be by the time you read this); and cuddle up with your "snookums" and relive the greatness of romance!

* *Sleepless in Seattle*

Director: Nora Ephron. 1993. Rated PG. 1 hour and 45 minutes. Starring: Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan, Bill Pullman, Ross Malinger, Rosie O'Donnell, and Rob Reiner.

What better to watch on Valentine's Day than love, romance, sensitivity, and fantasy?!?! This unique love story about blossoming love from a radio show proves to be quite entertaining and emotionally-charged viewing.

Tom Hanks plays the lead role of a lonely widower. His part melodramatic, part humorous performance once again solidifies the credentials of this very talented actor.

The attractive Meg Ryan also fits into the film as perfectly as the missing piece to a jigsaw puzzle. Her portrayal of the romantic and unsatisfied female lead puts the adomable performances of the "classy-actress-wanna-be" Sharon Stone to shame.

A nice nuance to the film is that it modifies the classic love story formula instead of merely retelling it. In other words, you will not see a man in a tuxedo and a woman in a fancy dress both open-armed and running helplessly towards each other in a field of tulips; what you will see is a scenario certainly modeled after the aforementioned classic scene but not a replay of it.

Best of all, the whole family can watch without the presence of the unfortunate but common scenes of shedding attire so commonly utilized in modern-day tales of this nature. That is because *Sleepless in Seattle* is quite obviously a classy film that portrays the beauty of love without degrading it with scenes of sleaze, smut, and porn! The best thing about the film is that Meg Ryan sends a message to Sharon Stone and the like that "Smutless in Hollywood" is the truest test of acting talent. **3 STARS.** (15 years and up.)

* *When Harry Met Sally*

Director: Rob Reiner. 1989. Rated R. 1 hour and 50 minutes. Starring: Billy Crystal, Meg Ryan, Carrie Fisher, and Bruno Kirby.

Another romantic tale about the evolution of a somewhat hostile relationship between two acquaintances into love. Rob Reiner's skillful direction blends humor, class, and romance within the confines of a very strong script.

Meg Ryan stars alongside Billy Crystal, giving the film a chemistry that eventually proves quite explosive. The points of view in regards to what females think about men and relationships and what men think about women and relationships is perfectly exploited in this film.

The powerful crescendo of an ending fits perfectly in the true tradition of quality entertainment. The young ones might not be suited for this one, however, because there is some necessary foul language for character development and implied sex for narrative purposes.

All in all, *When Harry Met Sally* is the perfect film for you and your mate to watch, however. There are a few, almost insignificant slow parts that can possibly go unnoticed, depending on how intently you view films. Keep in mind that if "yours truly" didn't really notice that you probably won't either. These slow parts are caused from the great anticipation for the resolution of the film, anyway. I will say no more! **3 STARS.** (17 years and up.)

* *Edward Scissorhands*

Director: Tim Burton. 1990. Rated PG-13. 1 hour and 40 minutes. Starring: Johnny Depp, Winona Ryder, Dianne Wiest, Anthony Michael Hall, Kathy Baker, Vincent Price, and Alan Arkin.

Combine the ingredients of a love story with Tim Burton's pleasantly odd style of directing, and what you're left with should be *Edward Scissorhands*. This is not in the same vein as the type of love stories I've discussed in this article, but the message comes through just as loud and clear.

Love can come in any form and be very powerful. An inventor creates a boy but meets his demise before the boy's completion (he had knives for fingers).

It may sound weird, but it truly is a heartwarming story about loyalty and love. The message is that beauty is in the eye of the beholder. This timeless theme is of an invaluable nature for youth today. No violence, no smut; just a pleasant tale about human emotion embodied in a not-so-human character.

From the man who broke motion picture records with the famed *Batman* and *Batman Returns* comes another wholesome film not about good overpowering evil, but of emotion overpowering appearance ... a theme our youth need to be exposed to. Way to go, Tim! **3 1/2 STARS.** (12 years and up.)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: If you have any suggestions for movie-related themes that you'd like to see discussed in this column, send them to Lou in care of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.)

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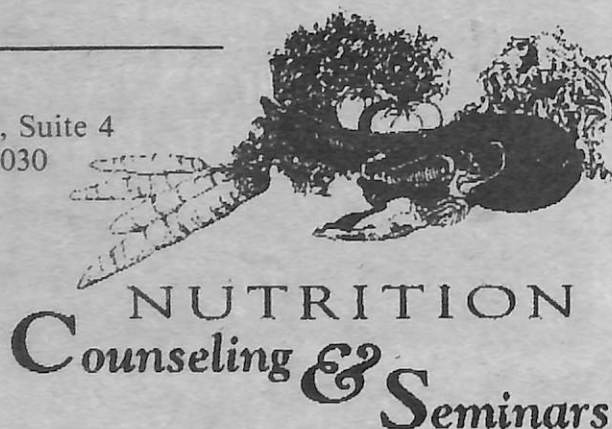
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Costume designer Arthur Boccia and his assistants can't just walk into a store or a warehouse and pull ready-to-wear costumes off the rack for a production such as this. Every skirt, hat, glove, boot cover, jacket, shirt, and petticoat has to be individually designed and painstakingly created.

There is no "how-to" book for designing costumes for a spectacular as elaborate and exciting as *Walt Disney's World On Ice*. Boccia's years of experience are his best blueprint. Each new production offers unique challenges. The talented designer does offer a few general guidelines that he follows to dress Walt Disney's *World On Ice* for success each and every year.

"First of all, the costumes must be practical and comfortable. Skaters never take their skates off during a show. This means that every costume must fit over skates, requiring zippers on the arms and legs of each wardrobe piece," notes Boccia. Because of the movement and high degree of flexibility required of skaters, each costume must be lightweight and made of breathable materials. All the embroidery, decorative stones, and sequins are placed on each costume so that the skater is never endangered during lifts and spins by these embellishments.

"Kenneth Feld, our producer, is very particular about maintaining the high quality of his production. My costumes have to be durable. The exotic safari wear and tropical sarongs have to look as bright and fresh throughout the tour as they did at the premiere performance in Lakeland, Florida," explains Boccia. To that end, Boccia selects synthetic fabrics that are lightweight yet long-lasting.

Sometimes a reinforced seam and industrial strength zipper aren't enough. For example, the *Walt Disney's World On Ice — Mickey's Great Adventures* comedy trio, The Jackpots, have triplicates of each of their costumes. "Those guys are so physical in their routines and they regularly douse each other with water. Special arrangements had to be made," Boccia confides.

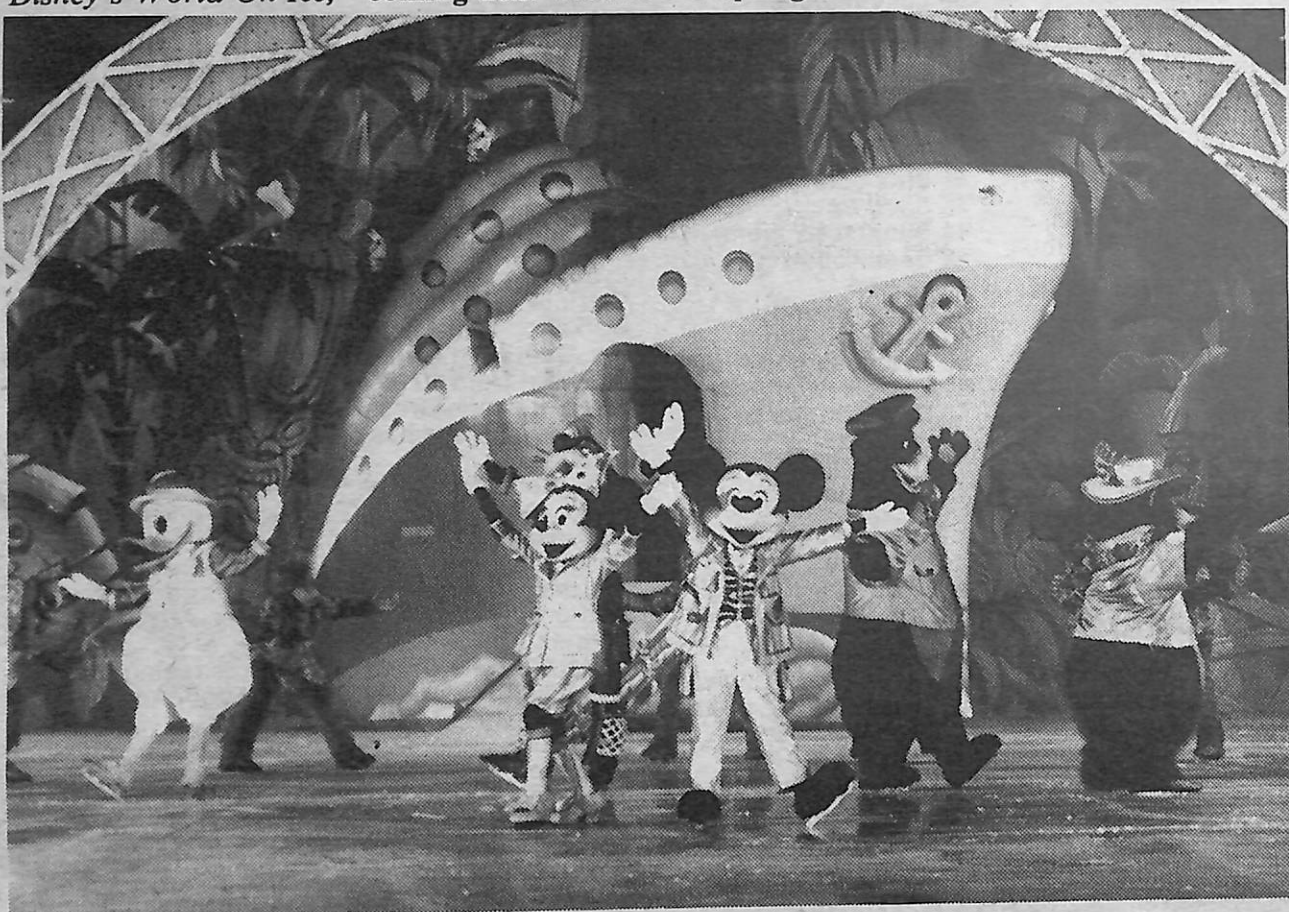
Another important consideration is the versatility of a costume. In the scene at Louie's nightclub, the skaters make transformations from Can-Can to Cossack, Vaudeville to tango in the blink of an eye. These seemingly impossible quick changes are accomplished by changing headgear and accessories. "The basic bodysuit remains the same," says Boccia. "We create the illusion of different costumes."

Lastly, but perhaps most importantly, is creativity! "Walt Disney's *World On Ice* is a fun show. The world of Mickey Mouse, Roger Rabbit, and Darkwing Duck is a colorful, fanciful place," Boccia states. "The designs have to be magical."

A visit to the mysterious mad scientist's laboratory necessitates some creepy creations. What do the well-dressed lab assistants wear? White lab coats and headgear that is positively electrifying. A closer look reveals this hat is actually an electric switch that plugs into the jacket for a special visual effect. The black gloves and black boots are actually modified fire fighters' gear. This ensemble required the combined talents of the designer, crafts people, a laminator, an electrician, and a tailor.



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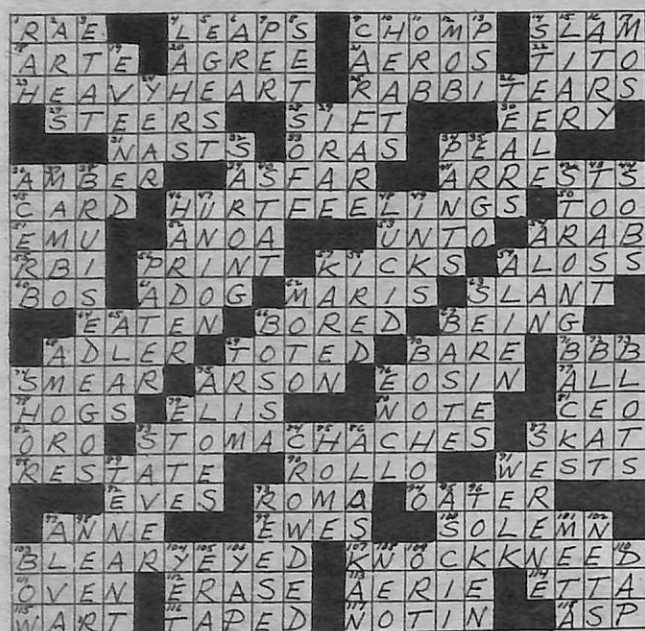
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Watercolorist J.J. McCarthy Exhibiting At Post Office

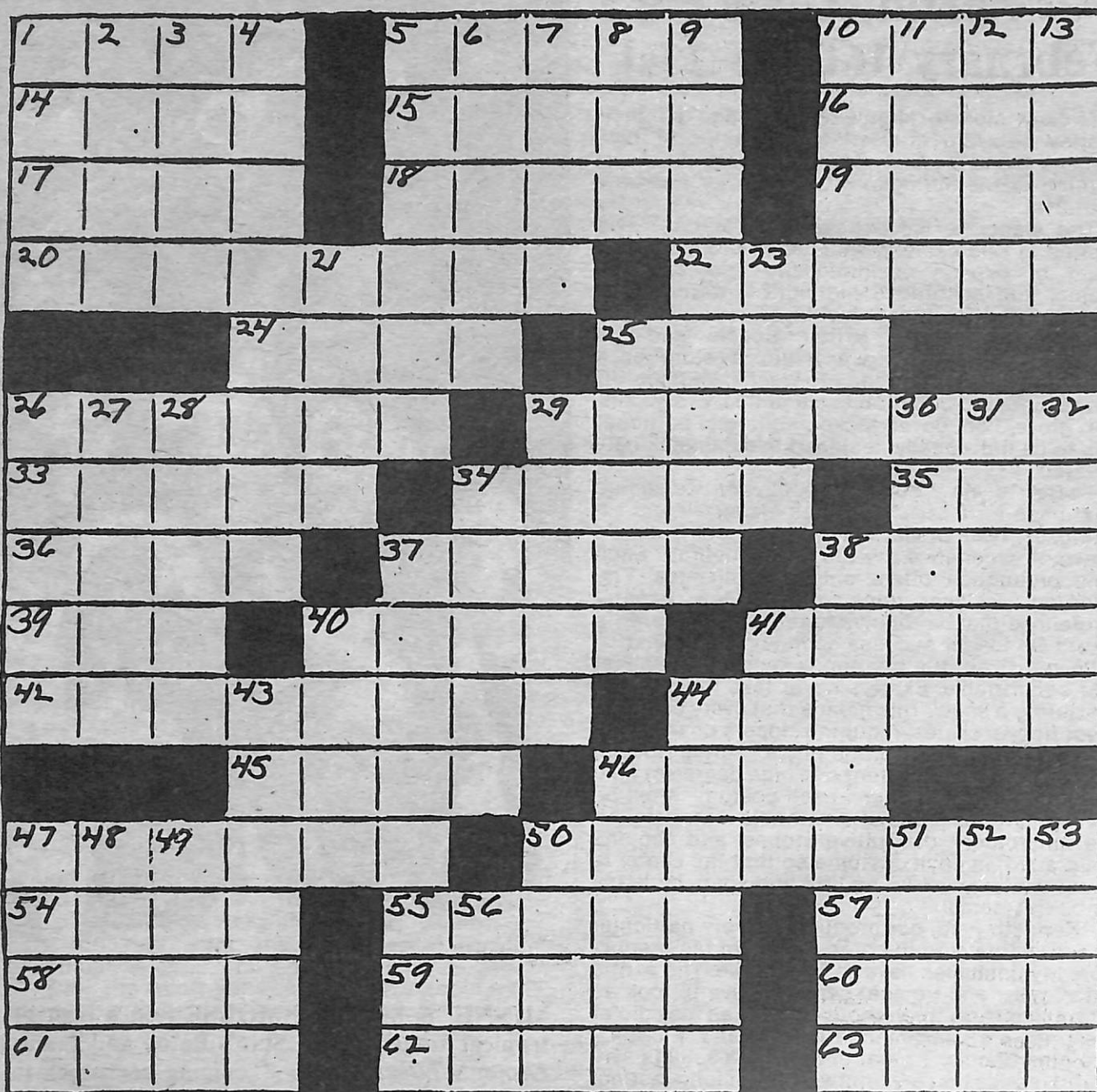
Area artist and watercolorist J.J. McCarthy will be exhibiting a selection of his work at the Agawam Post Office during the month of February.

McCarthy has been an artist since the age of 30, when he became inspired by the works of another area artist, Barbara Cohen.

After studying with Ms. Cohen, McCarthy decided to continue his studies and began exhibiting his work at the Mercy Hospital and other area exhibits.

Anyone interested in the above artist or the Agawam Community Artists should contact Beverly Secondo-Wands at 786-0138 or DeBorah Allen at 786-6087.

MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



Basketry Workshop To Be Held Feb. 26th By Patricia B. Gross

Agawam Community Artist and educator Patricia Bertone-Gross will be teaching a workshop in basketry, Saturday, February 26th at the Captain Leonard House on Main Street in Agawam from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Bertone-Gross is a teacher at the Agawam High School and has been involved in basketry for nine years.

A member of the Northeast Basketmakers' Guild, Ms. Bertone-Gross has given basketry classes at the Home Information Center in East Longmeadow, the Hampden County 4-H Club, Storowton in West Springfield, and the Saltbox Crafters and Farmington Valley Arts Center in Connecticut.

Ms. Bertone-Gross has been teaching basketry classes at the Agawam High School Adult Education from 1989-1993.

Persons interested in participating in this workshop should contact Ms. Bertone-Gross by February 15th at 789-0379 (evenings).

The cost for the workshop is \$15 for A.C.A. members and \$20 for non-members. Supplies are extra.

There will be a lunch break. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch.

This workshop is made possible by monies from the Agawam Community Artists and a partial grant from the Agawam Cultural Council.

Best local news...

Mark Proulx Again To Appear In Show By Suffield Players

The Suffield Players will present the chilling courtroom drama, "The Final Trial of Richard III," beginning this month. Mark Proulx of Agawam will appear in this surreal production by Mary Schaller which brings the King of England, Richard III, to trial for his involvement in the deaths of numerous members of the royal family. The audience becomes the jury at this trial and will deliver the ultimate verdict.

Proulx plays the Duke of Clarence as a member of Shakespeare's original acting troupe.

"The Final Trial of Richard III" runs February 17th, 18th, 19th, 25th, 26th, and March 4th and 5th at Mapleton Hall, 1305 Mapleton Avenue, in Suffield, CT. Tickets can be reserved by calling 1-800-289-6148.



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Education

AHS Theatre Students Prepare Evening Of One Acts Plays

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The Agawam High School Theater II students of Margo Poulin will present "An Evening of One Act Plays" in the school's auditorium on Friday, February 18th, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be obtained at the door for a donation of \$4.

Erinn Wynne, one of the student directors, said the audience can expect an evening of lighter entertainment as the group focuses on comedy rather than on the "serious plays" usually presented.

Karen Eaton and Mary-Lynn Scortino, the evening's announcers, will introduce four one act plays and an opening monologue by Tiffany Maleshefsky (originally performed by Julia Sweeney on "Saturday Night Live.")

Under Mrs. Poulin's direction, the theater students have adapted the British comedy, "The Still Alarm," to a modern Western setting in the City of Houston. Actors Dana Adams, Kevin Bovat, Jeff Ciempa, Mike Kisielewski, Eric Mastroianni, and Mike Rose deal with the absurdity of maintaining calm as a fire rages 11 floors below them in a modern high-rise office building.

According to the play's student director Erinn Wynne, the actors have been type-cast. "It's a funny play and the people in it are funny. They play their characters really well," Erinn said.

As the director, Erinn said she is responsible for the set design. "I have to figure out where everything should go and I'm in charge of getting the costumes."

"Here We Are," starring Rose Pignatere and Nate Wooley, is a period piece from the 1940's. It focuses a comedic eye on the story of a newlywed couple on a train trip to New York City.

To the consternation of the groom, the bride is nervous, naive, and unsure of herself and her new role. Tiffany Maleshefsky is the student director.



THE CAST AND CREW of the upcoming "Evening Of One Act Plays" to be staged at Agawam High School on Friday, February 18th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Adapted from the dramatic poem by Robert Frost, "The Death of the Hired Man" features Andrew Clark, Deanna Knodler, and Jamie Lewis. It departs from the comedic vein of the other offerings and presents the story of a hired hand who returns to the only home he has known to die among friends. The play is directed by student Michelle Meredith.

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Based on an O. Henry short story, "The Cop and the Anthem" features Meghan Albano, Laura Asta-Ferraro, Kami Beaulieu, Matt Bellico, Chris Benjamin, Andy Clark, Jay Gilmartin, Yvonne Hodel, Jill Miller, Michele Pudsiadlo, Bridget Pond, Mary-Lynn Scortino, Josef Sherpa, and Craig Skorupski.

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(February 12th Thru February 18th)

- * **February 14th - Monday**
Happy Valentine's Day!
Phelps School - "Red and White Day."
Robinson School - Read-Aloud Program continues.
- * **February 15th - Tuesday**
Junior High School - Science Fair, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
High School - Blue Sky meeting, 7:15 p.m.
- * **February 16th - Wednesday**
Granger School - Holiday Workshop, 9:00 a.m.
Robinson School - Visit from Jr. High Jazz Band.
Junior High School - Jr. High Jazz to present assembly.
- * **February 17th - Thursday**
Robinson School - School Advisory Council meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Granger School - School Advisory Council meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Junior High School - School Advisory Council meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- * **February 18th - Friday**
Junior High School - 7th and 8th grade dance, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (sponsored by the PTO).
- * **February 21st thru February 25th**
Mid-Winter Vacation.

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As always when dealing with an O. Henry story, the audience can look forward to an ironic twist to Lemeul Thwackbusher's attempts to get arrested and sent to Blackwell Island Prison. "Some call it prison. To me, it's three months of bed and board," according to Thwackbusher. **Rob Settembro** is the student director.

No stranger to the theater, Rob has been active in community theater groups for the last three years. Currently, Rob is directing and starring in the Westfield Theater Group's production of "The Psychiatrist In Spite Of Himself," based on a play by the French playwright Moliere.

Rob has also appeared locally in "Sorry, Wrong Number" and as Peter in the Agawam Community Theater's production of "The Diary of Anne Frank."

A senior with plans to major in theater in college, Rob admits directing a community theater group is less of a challenge than working with students. "It's a little harder here. In community theater, if you tell the actors to have lines by Monday, they do. They're a little more serious in community theater. But I enjoy working with the students."

According to Mrs. Poulin, a second night of one act plays is planned for presentation in March.

Under a grant by the Massachusetts Arts Council, theater students will be working with artist-in-residence Sheryl Stoodley to examine the male-female relationships in three Shakespearean plays. Mrs. Poulin expects to present a performance based on their study of "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream," "Romeo and Juliet," and "The Taming of the Shrew" in May.

Family Science Night Coming To Jr. High

You've probably heard of "weird science" and even "mad scientists." Well, now it's time for "fun science."

The science department of the Agawam Junior High School invites all junior high students and their parents and siblings to an evening devoted to discovering the fun side of scientific principles.

Family Science Night will be held on Tuesday, February 15th in the Junior High cafeteria from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The entire science staff will be on hand to assist students and their parents tackle a variety of fun projects and science challenges.

Under the direction of science department chairman Robert Sartwell, the evening has been planned to motivate students to enjoy science and to involve parents in their children's education.

Parents will have an opportunity to meet their child's science teacher and to learn more about topics discussed in the science classrooms.

While all family members are welcome, a Junior High student is expected to attend.

Come see what the science department is cooking up for you!

Snow date for the event is Wednesday, February 16th.

AHS Band Parents To Sponsor Supper

The Agawam High School Band Parents are sponsoring a Mardi Gras spaghetti supper, which will be held on Tuesday, February 15th, in the Agawam High School cafeteria.

Servings are from 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Following

dinner, there will be a performance by the Agawam High Jazz Band at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets will be sold at the door. Adults will be \$4, seniors \$3, and children under 12 \$2.

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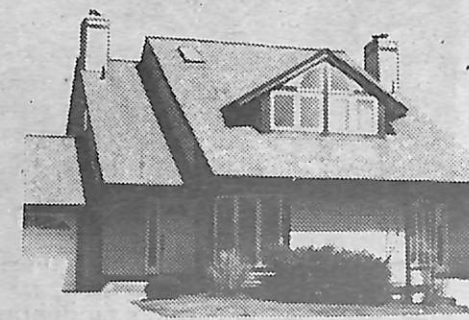
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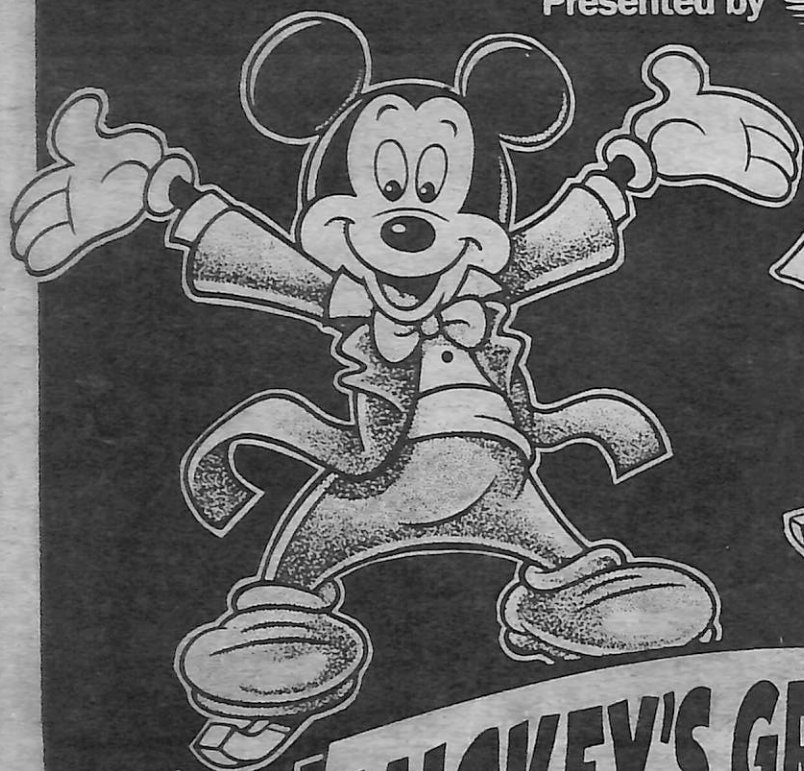
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